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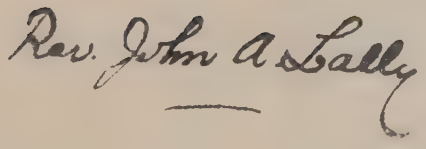

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LETTER OF HIS EMINENCE, JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS

July 17, 1920.

Reverend Mother Domitilla,

St. Mary's College and Academy,
Monroe, Michigan.

My Dear Mother Domitilla:—

The announcement of the Diamond Jubilee of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, recalls my pleasant visits to your beautiful home, particularly the one made in the summer of nineteen hundred. I was accompanied on that occasion by my constant and unvarying friend, the late Right Reverend John S. Foley, Bishop of Detroit. I also met your esteemed and venerated Director, the Right Reverend Monsignor Joos. I rejoiced with both of them in the marked progress of your Institute.

The Souvenir volume of your Diamond Jubilee shows that your Congregation, upon which Rome has set its sanction, faithfully adheres to the sacred traditions of pioneer days; that your work, crowned with success, continues to promote the cause of Catholic education and that your spirit of zeal, detachment and self-sacrifice still draws down on you the abundant blessings of Heaven.

God prosper your labors and make the marvelous results of the past an earnest of the glorious achievements your centenary will reveal.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

J. Card. Gibbons.

Archbishop of Baltimore.

INTRODUCTION

The Diamond Jubilee of a Congregation is an occasion which invites the sweet joys of past and present, and inspires bright hopes of a glorious future. It revives memories of unremitting labor, untold sacrifices and untiring zeal; it contrasts them with present success, augurs coming achievements, lifts the heart with exultant gratitude and prompts golden words of appreciation.

Seventy-five changing years tell the story of the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, since its humble birth in the semi-wilderness. To recount, though briefly, the work it has accomplished in this God-given time, to stress the power of human effort divinely assisted, and the beauty of homely deeds consecrated on the altar of religious life, is the purpose of this "Jubilee Souvenir."

The world remembers many happenings in this limited period that have made page after page of history. Governments have been revolutionized, dynasties overthrown; the sceptre of Kings has fallen to the hands of peasants, crowns have been laid low in the dust and the flags of republics triumphantly waved. Our own United States passed through the throes of the great civil war; abolished slavery; sealed the dominance of Spanish rule in the Western hemisphere, added star after star to our peerless banner and, in the World's late struggle, bravely entered the contest as defender of small nations. What problems have not been solved, what progress attained, what striking success accomplished!

Since St. Mary's name first hallowed the log-cabin home of the order what marvelous changes has the Catholic Church wrought through the length and breadth of our own free land! "Her activity is ceaseless, stupendous and universal." In populous cities and through barren stretches of country her multiplied churches and schools tell of her ardent yearnings for the souls of men.

Today with profound gratitude the Sisters of the Congregation of Mary's Immaculate Heart dwell in the blessed privilege accorded them of co-operative work in the great school of the Teacher of Nazareth, and the beneficent guidance of Divine Providence which has enabled them to convey to thousands of Christ's little ones the burning message of Catholic education.

The pages opened before us faintly outline the sacred beginnings of the work of the Congregation which but dimly foreshadow, if results be commensurate with desires, the future achievements that will honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Right Reverend Michael James Gallagher, D. D.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

Illumined pathways on Time's measured space,
Channels of light, those five and seventy years
Which, diamond-crowned, we greet with heart-felt joy,
With radiant hope undimmed by shadowy fears.
St. Mary's hallowed years! How vast their claim
To grateful praise for broadening out the way
That leads to loftier heights, to nobler life.
Oh, rich the guerdon loving hearts should pay,
As recollections sweet they bring today.

Bright storied past, whose morn and noon and eve
Are redolent with incense of pure prayer,
Aglow with fervid love and sacrifice,
Glad portents of the precious gifts they bear,
A fruitage rare of souls. O glorious years!
Triumphantly we come with glad acclaim;
We praise your noble deeds, and tribute bring
To those who made you, who, unknown to fame,
Enwreathe with glory dear St. Mary's name.

The First Convent of St. Mary's, 1845, Monroe, Michigan.

THE EARLY DAYS

The works of every great poet, artist, or musician, however diverse they may be in character or varied in theme, bear to each other a certain resemblance, a family likeness, as it were, the witness of their common parenthood. We call it the author's style, that peculiar excellence whereby we recognize a work as his. In the work of God, the Master Artist, we find from age to age in ever-varying miracle, the imprint of that power which He alone can exercise. Whether He brings forth the day-star from eternal darkness, or fashions the filigree snowflake; whether He feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fishes, or converts the nations by the preaching of twelve unlettered men; whether He delivers his people by the hand of a shepherd boy, or gives to the Universal Church a new devotion through the ministry of a humble unknown nun, He rejoices that His works should acknowledge by the lowliness of their origin, their apparent impossibility of success, the shaping of His Omnipotent hand.

Did the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, seek an assurance that their Congregation is indeed a house which the Lord hath built, they could desire none more convincing than the history

of its foundation and the record of its five and seventy years, the blessed conclusion of which they celebrate to-day. The gray November sky of 1845 canopied a scene vastly different from that which now surrounds us. Then, as now, fallen leaves lay in drifted heaps in the wind-swept park, and the River Raisin murmured on its peaceful way; but roving bands of Indians traversed the region; and on the spot where St. Mary's Convent now stands, was a poor log cabin. Near by, in the Redemptorist Church, two sons of St. Alphonsus, Rev. Louis Gilet and Rev. Francis Poilvache, of saintly memory, ministered to the children of the wilderness.

The life of Louis Florent Gilet, like that of his kinsman, St. John Berchmans, is a striking illustration of the great truth that we are never so certain of fulfilling God's designs in our regard as when we give ourselves whole-heartedly to the performance of our present and most obvious duty. It is very likely that in the busy hours of Father Gilet's crowded life, there sometimes came to cheer him the realization of his high mission, the consoling pride that it was his privilege to carry on the apostolate begun on the first Pentecost, and the hope that he might not be unworthy to stand, on the last day, in the glorious company of those who had gone forth to teach all nations. This was his life's work. To this he bent his every energy; upon it he centered all his aspirations. That God had destined him to stand also with St. Benedict, St. Bernard, and St. Francis de Sales he neither knew nor dreamed. There came to him no special inspiration that he had been chosen to enrich the Church with a new offspring. The rough walls of his log cabin never merged into the vision of a day when he should be venerated as the spiritual Father of more than a thousand blue-clad daughters, the saintly founder of the Order. He saw only that all his work would be fruitless unless he could begin with the young and instill into their hearts the principles of our holy religion. He yearned for a school in which children might be taught to know God, to love Him, and to keep His Commandments. "Forced by the urgent necessity of Catholic education," he tells us, "I commenced without thinking of the future of the work, leaving it to God alone to bless and guide its prosperity if it were pleasing to Him and useful for the salvation of souls."

"I commenced without thinking of the future." There is the simplicity of the Gospel in the words. They breathe the unquestioning faith of those who went forth carrying "neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes," the faith which has animated the saints of all ages, inspiring them to undertake and accomplish the impossible. They knew that

it was for them only to begin and that God would do the rest. Let it not be the least of the glories of this day that seventy-five years ago there labored here, amid poverty and hardship, a truly apostolic soul, strong with the courage of humility, in whose breast burned the faith that is not afraid to begin, trusting God to complete the work.

Having made up his mind to have a school, Father Gilet first tried to secure Sisters from Europe; but, failing in this, he set about establishing a community. He had only privations to offer. His plan had none of the emotional excitement which had so often sustained the founders of new Orders, and attracted followers to their standard. Yet at the end of a year, he had found four young ladies, "a sufficient number," as he quaintly says, "considering the size of the house and the lack of means." They were strangers to one another, united by no bond of friendship or mutual interest, save their common desire to serve God. Of these four, Teresa Maxis, who, as Mother Teresa, is venerated as the first superior, and Anna Schaaf came from Baltimore, Teresa Renaud from Grosse Pointe, and Mme. Godfroy Smith from Monroe.

On the morning of November 10, the first three met after Mass and, having received the solemn benediction of their spiritual Father, went with him to take possession of the smaller of the two log structures which were to serve as convent and school. The log house was old and dilapidated, the abandoned home of some pioneer. To remain alone in this dismal shelter for a whole night required no small amount of courage on the part of these young and defenseless girls; and to their fear of darkness and loneliness was added the knowledge of the countless deeds of vengeance and the indescribable Indian atrocities frequently perpetrated at that time. Of the three, Teresa Renaud, later Sister Celestine Xavier, was the only one who lived to see the semicentennial of the founding of the Institute and the golden jubilee of her own consecration. It was from her that the younger generation learned how their founders had rejoiced in poverty, confident that God would provide for them who had no other desire than to love and serve Him.

Father Gilet, meanwhile, had prepared a rule formed on that of St. Alphonsus, and it was approved by Bishop Lefevre under whose immediate jurisdiction the Order was placed. On Sunday, November 30, 1845, the oldest candidates, having put on the habit, were permitted to make their vows privately in the sacristy after High Mass. But the reception of Teresa Renaud was deferred until December 8, the Feast

St. Mary's Convent, Monroe, Michigan.

of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, under whose patronage the little community was placed.

In our "Retrospect" we read: "The days which followed were memorable ones to the Sisters, days in which joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, were commingled, days that remained indelibly impressed on the memory of the saintly founder. 'How often,' he wrote in after years; 'did I not say to the Sisters, 'You cost me more trouble and anxiety than my ten parishes put together.' But if these pioneer Sisters were weak and timid in the face of physical danger, they proved themselves courageous women in bearing all the hardships, trials, and sufferings of their condition of life. The winter of 1845-1846 was unusually severe. Its rude blasts were their constant companions; the snow, drifting through the crevices of the logs and broken panes of glass in the windows, spread a carpet, the only carpet, over the floor. The water for drinking and cooking had to be brought from a well near the church, but for other purposes, that of the river was used. One of the Brothers would cut a hole in the ice from which the Sisters could draw water as needed. The table was meagre indeed; bread and water were often their only repast, but of these things they never complained, nor did they mention them even to their Founder, though he, suspecting their need, often sent them food from the Fathers' table. Sister Alphonsine (Mme. Godfroy Smith) was under the very shadow of her own beautiful home, where a bountiful table was always spread; yet she never faltered, and not even her own family knew that she suffered the least inconvenience. They were strong, valiant women, imbued with the spirit of poverty and self-denial; earthly trials served but to detach and elevate them and cause them to walk more steadfastly in the footsteps of our dear Redeemer. "Not by bread alone does man live," was the impressive lesson engraven upon their hearts. They cheerfully accepted all things, good and evil, as coming from the hands of an overruling Providence.

"At last Father Gilet's long cherished ideal was realized. On Monday, January 15, 1846, a parochial school was opened in the larger of the two log houses. The preceding day, he sang the Mass of the Holy Ghost and preached an eloquent sermon on Catholic education. During his discourse he addressed the Sisters, exhorting them to undertake courageously the arduous duties imposed upon them. God had called them to do the work for Him and He would bless it and give them the means necessary to accomplish it. How great was his gratification the

next morning to find the two schoolrooms filled to overflowing with eager, happy children, while mothers and fathers thronged around the door, earnestly soliciting him to receive their children who were below the age he had named for admittance. He could not refuse them; and the younger pupils were entered at the home of the Sisters, a rude habitation dignified by the name of convent."

But except for the first happy, though anxious days of success, it was not given Father Gilet to enjoy the fruit of his labor and prayers. Scarcely had he established his school, when he was recalled to Baltimore, never again to see Monroe. Only in eternity shall we know the anguish of soul, the bitter self-abnegation it cost him to abandon his little community. Perhaps we shall then also understand that by his sacrifice were purchased the graces which God has not ceased to bestow upon the Congregation.

Such was the modest dawning of this Diamond Jubilee. The intervening time, and especially the early years, were beset with difficulties, sickness, privation, and all the other discouragements which come with poverty; but the work was God's and He protected it. For the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, if faith has not moved mountains, it has brought iron from the mines and bricks from the kiln, marble from the quarry, and good will from the hearts of men. Where, in 1845, a log cabin sheltered four Sisters, almost destitute of human resources, today a spacious convent embraces within its ivy-mantled walls their spiritual daughters, multiplied a hundred fold. Near the convent, St. Mary's College, surrounded by a beautiful campus, opens its portals to an ever increasing number of students, and in the distance, "bosomed high 'mid tufted trees," rise the stately Norman towers of the Hall of the Divine Child, where three hundred boys receive the training of mind and heart which fits them for Christian manhood.

Two thousand years ago Our Divine Lord wrought wonders for those who could believe. In our own day, He has rewarded, in a manner hardly less miraculous, the courageous faith of Father Gilet, multiplying his meagre resources, and giving to his work a development of which he never dreamed. But to this material prosperity He has added a spiritual protection far more precious. He has preserved, amid all the changes of the years and all the necessary adaptation to new needs and new conditions, the simple, humble and self-sacrificing spirit of the early days. The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, have

Saint Mary's Academy, Monroe, Michigan.

not forgotten that their "titles to nobility are poverty and obscurity." Closely united in charity, inspired with the same apostolic zeal as were their founders, and supported by their blind, implicit faith in the Divine assistance, they carry on from day to day the work which God has given them, trusting Him to bless their labors if they be pleasing to Him and useful for the salvation of souls, ever praying, in the words of St. Alphonsus: "Perfect Thy work, O Lord, and for Thy glory make us all Thine own, so that all the members of this Congregation, even to the day of judgment, may continue to please Thee perfectly, and to gain for Thee a countless number of souls. Amen."

THE BUILDER

In faith and hope and apostolic zest,
Inspired of Heaven, our holy founder planned
A work for the saintly women, the valiant band,
Who longed to serve the Church at Love's behest;
He shaped the chosen stones by skillful test
And reared with patient care on firm, deep base,
An Institute embodying strength and grace,
To Education's sacred cause addressed.

He builded well, aye, far beyond his ken!
For still his work goes on throughout the years,
Which favoring Heaven blesses now, as then
It crowned the labors of the pioneers;
And thousands of Christ's little ones today
Are taught the saving truths, the heavenward way.

REV. LOUIS FLORENT GILET, C. SS. R.

FOUNDER OF THE ORDER

His own splendid achievements and the grateful love of his spiritual children have created a brilliant aureola around the heroic and saintly figure of the Rev. Louis Florent Gilet, C. SS. R. A veneration deep and lasting will ever be accorded the zealous young Redemptorist, who, with mind and heart wholly intent upon the cause of his Master, in the midst of countless missionary labors, founded the Sisterhood of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The diocese of Detroit had been but lately established when he came to Monroe to open a house of his Order among the French settlers of Michigan. In the four years of his arduous duties here, and his long journeyings (going even to New Orleans to conduct the Lenten services), he sought out and found four young women willing to consecrate themselves to the work of instructing youth. He compiled a rule for them, invested them in the religious habit, and erected a school near their rude convent.

Father Gilet's subsequent years in farther missionary fields, his faithful performance of pastoral duties in France, and the final thirty-three years of higher spiritual life spent in the fulfillment of important offices in the Trappist Monastery of Hautecombe, Savoy, tell in brief the life-history of a man after God's own heart, one who acted wholly under the guidance of heavenly inspiration.

A saintly founder is a blessed heritage. His perfect detachment prevented the Trappist monk from knowing the fate of the struggling Community his hand had set on the lowly banks of the Raisin, until the infirmities of age had made his trembling fingers scarce able to pen them a few words of parting advice. The assurance of his special prayers and benediction prove our claim to having had so saintly a founder. When the Angel of Death gave kindly warning that his last hour was near, he wrote to the Sisters:

"Dear Children in Jesus Christ:

Allow me to offer my sincere wishes to you, my beloved and dear Sisters, you who are the most precious portion of the fold of Christ. May He shower His most abundant blessings upon you and make saints of you, which, no doubt, you wish and desire; for was it not for this purpose you left the world and your loved ones to embrace a life of immo-

The Reverend Louis Florent Gilet, C. S. S. R.

lation, self-denial, and sacrifice? Nature suffers, but life is short and eternity long; and, furthermore, the reward will be proportional to the sacrifice. Finally, understand well, that the share allotted to you is magnificent; be saints then. As St. Alphonsus says: 'Heaven is yours at this price.' Yes, be Apostles by your labors, Virgins by the purity of your body and soul, Martyrs by the daily sacrifices religious life entails; and one day you will be numbered among the Virgins who follow the Lamb.

"In the midst of your success, remember your old Father Celestin during his life, and, above all, when you hear of his death. With these sentiments of affection and fatherly care, I remain,

"Your very humble and affectionate Brother in Jesus Christ,

"FATHER MARY CELESTIN.

"Hautecombe, Savoy, December, 1891."

Father Gilet's work and that of his co-Redemptorists, their aid, and protection during the first decade of our existence, make us ever debtors of these worthy and zealous sons of St. Alphonsus.

Saint Mary's Novitiate, Monroe, Michigan.

RT. REV. MGR. E. JOOS

DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY, 1857-1901

That the humble beginnings of the Congregation ever reached a prosperous maturity is due, after God, to the Rt. Rev. Mgr. E. Joos, who was, for forty-four years, our spiritual director and loved Father.

How potent was his spirit in our life and labors, our rejoicing to-day testifies. It was his character dominated by sincere piety, his meekness and kindness of heart, his learning so admirably adapted to forming those who were to teach others, his high standard of religious excellence, that placed us in the way to truly serve God and His Immaculate Mother. In his zeal for souls, and devotion to the Community, he championed our best interests and gained for us the friendship of those able to support and further the cause of Catholic education.

If something of his firmness, his loftiness of purpose, his strength and endurance resulting from a noble devotion to duty, is apparent to-day in our loved Institute, it is because Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joos labored so long and so faithfully to instill into the Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart the true spirit of Servants of Mary. He trained us to the simple, humble obedience to the will of Him who said, "Let the little ones come unto Me," that was practiced in the old log convent, the cradle of our Institute.

The spiritual vision of our sainted Father, the wise rule of the best of counselors and of friends, we count the most precious of our God-given gifts. His memory, teachings, and example will be fondly cherished as long as St. Mary's stands.

His words were strength unto the fainting soul,
Comfort and peace to those who mourn;
From lowly things, the heart was lifted up,
On vanquished self, to Heaven upborne.

And still his smiling lips, though they be dumb,
Shall wake our souls to deeds of high emprise,
Still shall we seek with fervent will the right,
And see again the glad light in his eyes.

O noble soul and free, thou art not dead,
Nor shalt thou bide in memory alone;
Till the last harvest shall be gathered in
Fruit shall be won from seed thy hand hath sown.

Then pray for us, as thou wert wont to pray
Ere came the message calling thee afar;
That when the summons comes to us, we too,
May voyage safe, nor meet a hindering bar.

Then "Sursum Corda" shall be watch and ward,
Re-echoing lessons of those happy days,
When more to us than all the world's acclaim
Thy gentle spoken word of earnest praise.

But now, nor praise nor blame shall we hear more;
Yet in St. Mary's shall thy spirit dwell,
Inspiring thy children as of old, even though
To thy dear presence we have said "Farewell!"

The Right Reverend Monsignor E. Joos, V. G.

Saint Mary's Chapel, Monroe, Michigan.

The Interior of Saint Mary's Chapel, Monroe, Michigan.

OUR TITLE

When the heavens in starlit beauty
Cast earthward their wondrous spell,
When myriads of worlds in the shadow
The vastness beyond foretell,
The heart is o'erawed by the grandeur,
Transfixed by the power thus shown,
Held captive in thought and affection,
In the realms of the great unknown.

Yet higher far in thought he soared,
Our founder of noble aim,
When, to us in our lowly beginning,
He sought to give a name,—
Sisters, in love and affection,
Servants to all for thy sake,
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
This is the name they take.

O Mother, so tender and loving,
Your servants and children are we,
In the sorrows and joys of a lifetime,
In the bliss of eternity.
Enthroned amid gorgeous splendor,
The princes of Heaven, her suite,
Her praises the angels chanting,
The universe laid at her feet,
She bends in her queenly glory,
To say with her look so mild,
To each of her Sister-Servants
The sweetest of words, "My child."

OUR BISHOP FRIENDS

Friendship, true and sincere, has been fittingly compared to the strong walls that were a bulwark of defense to the imperial cities of by-gone days, and St. Mary's rejoices that such a friendship, genuine and enriching, has been hers through the three-quarters of a century of her existence. The friendship of the Bishops of Detroit, like that between Jonathan and David, "soul knit to soul," has been an unfailing protection and steadfast defense.

THE RT. REV. PETER PAUL LEFEVRE, D. D.

First in point of time, in encouragement, and fatherly solicitude, stands our sainted Bishop Lefevre, Administrator of the small and struggling diocese at the time of our foundation. He saw the urgent need of religious teachers and evinced the deepest interest and sympathy in the efforts of Father Gilet; he not only encouraged him but became with him an actual co-founder in the work. It was to him that the timid band of Sisters looked for counsel and direction; to him they went in their manifold trials, for the comfort and assistance that never failed them. "Courage, dear Sister, and patience," he writes to a young Superior who had been sent to open a mission; "I will be your father and I will take care of you, no matter to what State you are sent, provided you remain in the state of grace."

On the withdrawal of the Redemptorists from Monroe in 1855, the Bishop was deeply concerned at the orphaned condition of his spiritual children; but it was not until 1857 that he sent them a permanent director in the person of our beloved Father, Rev. Edward Joos, whom the Bishop designated, in his letter of introduction to the Community, as, "A man of God, eminently qualified to lead you on in the way of virtue and holiness."

It was Bishop Lefevre who placed the seal of approval on our first Rule in 1845, and it was he again who, in 1861, carefully examined and approved that same Rule after it had been rearranged and amended by the Rev. Father Joos to meet the needs of the growing Community. To his letter of approval he added the paternal injunction, which the Community has reverenced through seventy-five long years: "Be diligent and steadfast in the observance of your Rules, so that, by good works, you may make your calling and election sure and thus inherit the eternal reward promised by God to those whom He calls to religious life."

The Right Reverend Peter Paul Lefevre, D. D.

THE RT. REV. CASPAR H. BORGESS, D. D.

Consecrated Titular Bishop of Caledonia, April 24, 1870, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, the Rt. Rev. Caspar H. Borgess was, in 1871, promoted to the See of Detroit.

The Bishops of the United States, faithful sentinels that keep watch "o'er wild and wold," saw that the great need of their day to stem the tide of godlessness sweeping over the land, was Catholic education. With one voice and one soul, they took up this cause, resolved at any cost to save the souls of the little ones of their fold, and no one among them was more devoted to the work than Bishop Borgess.

He was a man of advanced and liberal ideas, alert, progressive and admirably fitted to worthily fulfil the duties of his sublime vocation. He insisted on the establishment of parochial schools wherever possible, and made it a matter of parental obligation that the children be sent to them. He encouraged and fostered religious vocations and ever manifested a keen personal interest in the spiritual advancement of the individual members of the Community. He rightly considered obedience the cardinal virtue of a religious, and loved frequently to exercise the Sisters by some practical test.

His letters breathe the spirit of kindly sympathy and interest in all that affected the spiritual or temporal welfare of the Community and his visits were always inspirational. In his death St. Mary's lost a firm and constant friend, a true and watchful father, whose words and deeds were but the natural expression of his lofty, noble soul.

THE RT. REV. JOHN S. FOLEY, D. D.

All Detroit blazed with light and rang with music on that memorable November evening in 1888, when the Right Reverend Bishop Foley came from Baltimore to take possession of this See, made vacant by the resignation of Bishop Borgess. Never before had there been such a personal tribute paid to a stranger at its gate. The liberal character of the celebration, wherein non-Catholics vied with Catholics in doing honor to this successor of the Apostles, was a fitting prelude to the administration that followed.

He was then in his prime, full of strength and vigor, with princely figure, classic features and a kind and genial expression that won for him the hearts of all. His manner, free and democratic, had in it all the polish and refinement of the cultured Southern gentleman, while his pleasant and gracious words bespoke the optimist willing and ready for all labor and hopeful as to results.

Devoted to the cause of Catholic education, he lost no opportunity of furthering its interests. During his administration, schools were multiplied and year after year found him attending the Commencement Exercises, animating the zeal and enthusiasm of teachers and parents by his words of commendation and encouragement. Everything pertaining to the training of the young was of interest to him, and in the early days of his own Cathedral School he even found time to read the monthly reports.

With these reminiscences come memories of those happy days when, in our loved convent home, we joyously greeted him, a Prince of God's Holy Church, who with infinite patience, stooped to lead us up the pathway of lofty aim and high endeavor. A father he truly was to each one of us, but, though easy of approach, a certain dignity was part of his splendid personality; affable at all times, he was pre-eminently the distinguished prelate and the humble and faithful follower of the gentle Teacher of Nazareth.

How generously he expended his energy in our behalf, how unquestionably he proved himself our true spiritual guide, how zealously he implanted the seed of everlasting life! God grant that what was so unsparingly sown may ever grow in grace and beauty, until it be transplanted into the pure soil of Heaven, there to blossom and bring forth fruit which shall enhance the gladness and glory of our revered Bishop throughout eternity.

THE RT. REV. EDWARD D. KELLY, D. D.

The name of Bishop Foley brings with it the memory of another closely connected with him by ties of friendship and association in the government of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. E. D. Kelly, D. D., now the Bishop of Grand Rapids, who was consecrated Bishop of Cestra and Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, in November, 1911. There was great rejoicing among his many friends throughout the State at the signal honor conferred on him by Rome; but none were more sincerely gratified by his elevation to the purple than were his own faithful people of Ann Arbor, who, for twenty years, had been the recipients of his priestly ministrations.

Always deeply interested, both as student and teacher, in educational matters, Bishop Kelly soon became a recognized factor in the University town, where, under his fostering care, his own parochial school took its place among the best preparatory schools in the diocese, and where the Catholic students who came from all parts of the country

The Right Reverend Caspar Henry Borgess, D. D.

to attend the State University, looked to him for counsel and direction.

Bishop Kelly has been described as "A man who is always constructively busy, a self-effacing man of splendid administrative ability, an educator along progressive and strictly Catholic lines, and, above all, a true Ambassador of Christ."

Associated with him in the educational work from the early days of his priesthood, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart have the privilege of sharing in the friendship of this worthy prelate, and they pray that he may be spared for many years "to do the things that pertain to God."

THE RT. REV. M. J. GALLAGHER, D. D.

"In obedience to the Holy See, I shall come among you with no preconceived idea other than to build up the Kingdom of God among you, and to do all that I can for the moral welfare of Detroit, and for the honor and glory of the great State of Michigan." Such in substance was our present Bishop's first message to the people of Detroit Diocese, and the intervening time has proved them no idle words.

The Rt. Rev. M. J. Gallagher, D. D., came to us in 1918 equipped in an eminent degree by scholarly attainment, mellowed and matured by experience in executive capacity for nearly a quarter of a century. Democratic, yet dignified; humble, yet masterful, he courageously assumed the responsibility of ministering to the spiritual needs of one of the greatest Sees of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The decade that preceded his coming was one of phenomenal growth for Detroit, and he found conditions demanding expansion of facilities to meet the ever-multiplying needs of the increasing population. Broad-visioned and progressive, the Bishop saw at once the complex problems that confronted him and, with tireless energy and tactful diplomacy, he has set about their solution.

It would be superfluous to recount here the various works he has undertaken since his entrance into our diocese. Suffice it to say that there is already enough of splendid achievement in his administration to show that he has more than fulfilled his high resolve to spend himself for God, his people and the State.

If it be true that a lasting monument to a great and good man are the works with which his heart and mind and hand have enriched the world, then "The Sacred Heart Seminary" will immortalize the name of Bishop Gallagher in the history of Detroit more fittingly than tablet of bronze or shaft of marble.

THE RT. REV. CAMILLUS P. MAES, D. D.

Men of great intellect command the homage of our mind; men of great heart command the tribute of our affections; but when a man is great of mind and great of heart, then it is that all our nobler powers go forth in loving allegiance, and to him we pay the tribute of mind and heart and soul.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Maes was the living exemplication of this truth; he was a leader, an incentive to high ideals and noble deeds; and in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, his memory will always live as a source of encouragement, elevating them by its influence to an atmosphere free from the vapor of earth and radiant in the light that ever marks the pathway of a true man of God.

For nearly half a century St. Mary's enjoyed the sweet and intimate friendship of this saintly prelate and experienced the spiritual charm of his personality that made his presence a peculiar grace.

After the burden of the episcopate had been laid upon him, each summer found him quietly slipping away to "Old Monroe" for a visit to his life-long friend "Father Joos." Nor did these "home-comings" cease with the death of this cherished priest. "Monroe is home to me," he wrote, "as long as there are faithful daughters of Father Joos to love his memory and to live up to his ideals."

The Sisters at St. Mary's looked forward to these visits as the event of each vacation and always felt that they were occasions of great spiritual profit.

Bishop Maes never lost his intense and sympathetic interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of the Order. "I must not say," he writes in one of his last letters, "how much I care for your whole congregation, but be sure that my interest in you all will never cease,—no, not even after death;" and the Sisters confidently believe that in this saintly Bishop they have one more friend in heaven interceding for them before the throne of God.

The Right Reverend Edward D. Kelly, D. D.

The Right Reverend Camillus P. Maes, D. D.

A SISTER'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

A low, sweet voice, entrancing in its call,
'Twas thine, dear Sister, in youth's morn to hear
And to obey; nor hast thou known a fear,
For thy calm soul has never felt the thrall
That will at times courageous hearts appall
With specter of distrust. Unto thine ear
The voice that, fifty years ago, spoke clear,
"Come, follow Me," doth yet in music fall
Exceeding sweet. The bridegroom of thy soul
Hath made thy vows as pinions strong to be
Bearing thee upward, onward, to thy goal,
Like bird on wing ascending sure and free;
While half a century has gone its way
And seems to thee but as one golden day.

OUR GOLDEN JUBILARIANS

*Sister M. Celestine Xavier Renaud
*Mother M. Gertrude Gerretsen
Sister M. Catherine Biry
*Sister M. Aloysia Paul
*Sister M. Ignatia Doyle
*Sister M. Clara Leib
Sister M. Barbara Maus
*Mother M. Clotilda Hoskyns
Sister M. Agatha Walsh
*Sister M. Anastasia Biry
*Sister M. Paulina Foster
*Sister M. De Sales Cassidy
Sister M. Dorothea Jordan
Sister M. Dionysia McCarthy
Sister M. Euphrasia Morley
Sister M. Colette Martin
Sister M. Dominica Krausman
Sister M. Aurelia Hammel
Sister M. Virginia O'Neil
Sister M. Eugenia Dolan
*Sister M. Athanasia Curran
Sister M. Zita McCloskey
*Sister M. Appolonia O'Farrell
Sister M. Petronilla Clark
*Sister M. Bernardine Doyle
Sister M. Rosalie Flaherty
Sister M. Flora Collins

*Deceased.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

A grand symphony of praise and prayer ascends on high in loving thanksgiving for the countless benedictions bestowed on our loved Community during the seventy-five years that have been given it. Besides the glorious theme that repeats its motifs and phrases of gratitude, there is a deep undertone that re-echoes down through the years, telling of favors that, coming to us in our every-day life, brighten and cheer our hearts,—kindly deeds and words of encouragement from those whose consecrated hands were ever raised to bless our efforts in the sublime cause of Catholic education. No words can fully express our sentiments of deep appreciation of the noble and devoted service and the generous tokens of disinterested friends, and our high regard and warm esteem for all who have extended a helping hand to us in our upward strivings.

It gives us sincere pleasure to testify that the divine mandate of charity, "Love ye one another," has not lost its potency in the hearts of our loyal and devoted benefactors, whose names, too numerous to mention here, are inscribed in the cloistral archives to claim for them, living or dead, our daily prayers; for gratitude is the memory of the heart, and as long as the Congregation exists, we shall gratefully remember them, among whom are St. Mary's loyal alumnae members and the citizens in our home town and mission centres, who have been prodigal in thoughtful attentions and hearty good wishes, while the gracious approval and kindly co-operation of those whose little ones were given into our keeping will ever serve to enrich the soulful melody that will carry on to the end the message of our gratitude and love.

May God bless the friends of our early days
And those who remain with us yet;—
May He guide them and keep them forever
In His Heart, that can never forget.

IN MEMORIAM

Thro' all the Day, glad vibrant tones
Re-echo notes of jubilee,
Bright smiles are warm with friendship's light
As hand clasps hand rejoicingly.
Yet dirge-like the November winds
In soft sweet threnody now bring
Fond mem'ries of the loved ones gone
Round whom our hearts' affections cling,
Whose gentle counsels, kind and true,
Chased sorrows from life's yesterdays,
Whose ardent spirits courage lent
While treading time's uneven ways.

With rev'rent thoughts we linger o'er
The blessed graves where now they sleep,
And humbly plead, "Eternal rest,"—
As lonely hearts sad vigil keep.
But rainbow-tinted Hope appears
With blissful thoughts of the day to be,
When we may meet those sainted ones
In Heaven's eternal Jubilee.

Saint Mary's Memorial Chapel, Monroe, Michigan.

The Resting Place of St. Mary's Sisters, Monroe, Michigan.

HOME AND MISSION

Sunrise and sunset during seventy-five changeful years have touched with pale or roseate light the home of St. Mary's Sisters,—yesterday, a log cabin in the wilderness, today, stately buildings, statue-crowned, with attractive environment; then, as now, a sweet enclosure and abode endeared to all by the tender appellation—home, a home hallowed by the lives and labors of ardent souls whose gentle virtues diffuse through the surrounding atmosphere the fragrance of the supernatural; souls who, having heard the call of the Master, willingly severed earth's dearest ties and hastened to obey the glorious mandate, "Follow Me."

Loving the quiet seclusion of their convent home, where, day by day, they garnered treasures of precious lore, not only that they might enrich their own lives, but that they might

"See and tell
Of things invisible to mortal sight,"

the hearts consecrated to Mary Immaculate yearned to enter the Mission field, there to scatter the seed of Catholic doctrine, to form men and women who would recognize the real cause and purpose of life and make God an abiding and active force.

Home and Mission! Potent words that win affection, expand the soul and exert a marvelous influence. Home draws hearts to the cradle of the Order, "the enclosed garden of the King, where the living waters of Paradise bedew the soil, and lily and rose bloom radiant of the effulgence of the skies;" where the sacred traditions of pioneer days and the examples of saintly religious are recounted o'er and o'er, where glimpses are given of wonderful inner lives whose reflex radiates a glory of noble inspirations,—here, each summer, when the labors of the scholastic year come to a close, the Sisters congregate for a well-earned rest and happy reunion and for further pursuit of secular knowledge and advancement in the science of the Saints. Then, when patient toil has reached its limit and time warns of the approach of eternity, with the joy of a returning exile, the Servants of Mary hasten to their convent home, where every nook and corner is associated with the memory of early years, years tinged with the glow of youthful enthusiasm; where, hour by hour, in the silence of the sanctuary, past resolutions are strengthened and high resolves renewed; where all that is sweetest, purest, holiest, dearest is interwoven in the sacred, honored and endearing word—home.

Home and Mission! How happily St. Francis de Sales expresses the mutual relations that unite them! Addressing the religious at Annecy, when some were parting from the Motherhouse for other scenes of action, with artless style and sweet simplicity he exclaims, "Those who go stay, and those who stay go," thus indicating the singleness of purpose and the apostolic zeal existing in the hearts of all, whether exercised in the calm enclosure of their convent home or the whitening fields of missionary labors.

Saint Mary's College, Monroe, Michigan.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

In the Floral City, on a site charming in its natural beauty of wooded glen, stream, and campus, stands St. Mary's College and Academy its environment enhanced by art in landscape gardening. Heightening its attractions are not only the tree-lined streets of the old historic town, with their varied reminiscences of the early days, and the pretty suburban scenes along the bank of the "River of Grapes," as the Raisin was formerly designated, but the many picturesque spots that are St. Mary's own,—the "Isle of Patmos" in its primeval beauty,—"Academy Park" with its rustic "Arbor" and vine-clad "Grotto of Lourdes," the romantic "Park Place" with its quaint air and woodland setting, and the fair stretches of "Maryfield" with its green pastures and fertile farmlands, intersected midway by "Our Lady's Grove" to which runs "Rosary Lane," a path leading,

"Through crowfoot with its golden line and promise of fair things,
And sorrel with its glance demure and wide-eyed wonderings."

The stately building is in Elizabethan style, of red pressed brick with stone trimmings. The exterior structure is made attractive by wide verandas and graceful towers. Its massive portals open into marble corridors and the whole interior presents an air of elegance, with an atmosphere of culture and refinement everywhere manifested. Connected with this building is the Conservatory of Music and an auditorium capable of seating one thousand.

St. Mary's is noted for the bright home spirit that is all-pervading and the constant care taken to secure the health and comfort of the students. With watchful insistence the laws of right-living and right thinking are inculcated, while every effort is made to form noble Christian women for their destined spheres in life.

The Institution embraces three departments, the preparatory, academic, and collegiate. St. Mary's College, incorporated under the general laws of Michigan, is approved by the Catholic Educational Association; and the State Board of Education grants teachers' life certificates to those graduates of the College who have completed the required course in the science and art of Education. The Academic Department, approved by the State Normal Schools, the University of Michigan and the North Central Association, offers standard high school courses. To the students of St. Mary's are also offered exceptional advantages for pursuing the study of music, and enjoying, through clubs and orchestra, that social side which lends greater impetus to ambitious efforts.

The Art Department affords every facility both for those pupils who study to become artists and those who embrace art for cultural purposes.

St. Mary's has acquired an enviable reputation; for its Alumnae Association numbers among its members women in positions of trust and honor throughout the length and breadth of the land; women deeply devoted to the interests of their Alma Mater, shown not only in verbal expressions but in active efforts to promote its interests by good works that redound to its material and spiritual success. Their influence is one of the strongest factors in the upbuilding and perpetuation of the school. St. Mary's Alumnae Scholarship, founded in 1915, is open to students who have completed the first two years of college work; and the Alumnae Association are now contributing to another scholarship fund in honor of their Alma Mater's Diamond Jubilee.

Hall of the Divine Child, Monroe, Michigan.

THE HALL OF THE DIVINE CHILD

On November 10, 1915, the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, ground was broken for The Hall of the Divine Child, a boarding-school for little boys. It was not without some trepidation that the Sisters entered upon this educational field, new for them and fraught with all the possibilities latent in boy nature. But the undertaking has proved a happy one. From the first, the applications for admittance far exceeded the capacity of the building. The boys who have gathered within its walls range in age from curly-headed tots of five to fine sturdy lads of twelve and fourteen. They have been gifted with abundance of both mental and physical energy; and if the direction of their activities has carried their blue-clad guardians from the icy surface of the river in winter to the farthest confines of Maryfield in summer, it has furnished them with endless amusement, and material also, had they time to write a second "Tom Playfair."

The school is situated in the western suburb of Monroe, not far from St. Mary's College. Its surrounding fields and woodlands are picturesque and in keeping with the historic interest that attaches to one of the oldest French settlements in the lake region. The grounds consist of two hundred acres, having a river front of more than a thousand feet.

The Hall is in the modern Tudor-Gothic style, built of re-inforced concrete, and wholly fire-proof. The exterior is imposing, with its noble façade and quadruple towers. The interior is well adapted to its purpose, a residential school for boys. All the rooms are spacious and pleasant and the best modern conveniences are installed through the building.

Besides affording every facility for thorough religious instruction and practice, the school provides its pupils, in sodalities, a well trained vested choir and other associations, with effective means of acquiring that reverence for God and love for His holy law which constitute true piety.

Wise supervision and individual attention foster habits of obedience, respect for authority and a sense of duty, bringing out what is best and noblest by forming and developing not only the mental and physical character but also the moral and spiritual, and supplying that greatest need of modern society—the truly Christian gentleman.

OUR CONVENT BELL

Just a silvery tinkling note,
And its echoes softly float
To the listening Sisters, calling,
Now to raise their hearts in prayer,
Then to duty's arduous care;
E'er on willing ears a-falling.

Never loud its tone or grand,
Naught of rigor or command,
But there cometh with its ringing
Such a tuneful happy glow
Of the days of long ago,
History to it gently clinging.

Sang its sweetest notes of glee
For our Silver Jubilee
In the days remote and olden,
But 'twas singing just as gay
On that other distant day,
When the years had told our Golden.

Sad notes too are in our Bell;
Grieving hearts have felt the spell,
When its deepest notes were rolling
Forth, in accents dull and slow,
To the throb of tears that flow—
For a loved one sadly tolling.

Let it chime in rhythmic rhyme,
To our heart-beats keeping time,
Flinging joy notes clear and ringing.
Splendor crowns this closing round,
Sonorous peals the joyful sound—
"Diamond Jubilee" all are singing.

Ring, O Bell, for days long gone,
Send the sound waves rippling on;
Ne'er again will cause be fitter.
Ring! Oh ring! The echoes wake;
Into sparkling gems they break,—
Diamonds all in glint and glitter.

Saint Joseph School, Erie, Michigan.

Sacred Heart Institute, Monroe, Michigan.

Saint Michael School, Monroe, Michigan.

Saint Mary School, Marshall, Michigan.

OUR MISSION SCHOOLS

Closely identified with our "Mission" schools are the Reverend Pastors who have so nobly championed the cause of Catholic education. Amid difficulties and hardships they have spared nothing in building and beautifying their schools and in providing them with all that is requisite to facilitate and advance the work; while co-operating, the teaching Sisters, who have never known the meaning of "an idle holiday," press forward to meet the changed conditions of the ever-changing times, eager, as they communicate secular knowledge, to bring to the children a higher realization of their precious inheritance, the Catholic faith, and to prepare and assist them on their journey toward their beautiful eternal home.

ST. MARY, MONROE, MICHIGAN

Closely linked with the memory of the pioneer days of the Community and with the recollection of such historic names as those of the Reverend Fathers Gilet, Smulders, Van Gennip and Joos, is the story of the foundation of St. Mary Parish School.

From 1843 to 1855, the affairs of St. Mary Parish were administered by the Redemptorist Fathers, who at first lived in an old log cabin until they could build an addition to the church which became their monastery, with suitable rooms for Fathers, Brothers and Candidates of the Order who wished to study for the priesthood.

The priest in charge was the Rev. Louis Gilet. Among his varied duties one especially claimed his attention, that of providing a school for the numerous children of the parish. This cherished desire was fulfilled in regard to the girls, January 15, 1846, and a separate private school for the boys was later opened in a brick building opposite the church, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Digue. These children received catechetical instruction from the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers.

After several years, the Sisters undertook the instruction of the boys, who with the girls were removed to the basement of the church and the rooms now vacated by the departure of the Redemptorists. Here they remained till more commodious quarters were provided in a frame building which had formed a part of the convent and which was moved near the church and fitted up for class rooms by the Rev. Edward Joos, who zealously carried on the good work from 1857 to 1873. Then the care of the school and the parish was entrusted to the Rev.

Bernard Soffers, who remained its faithful guardian till his death in 1899.

These parish responsibilities later devolved upon the Rev. Joseph Joos, who, by persevering efforts and untiring labors, effected the erection of the present modern and finely equipped school known as The Sacred Heart Institute, where some three hundred fifty children now pursue the work of the grammar grades and daily receive religious instructions from their devoted pastor, the Rev. Henry De Gryse.

ST. MICHAEL, MONROE, MICHIGAN

The beginnings of St. Michael School, in 1855, as given in the annals of the Congregation, are full of interest and edification. "The children of this small German parish lacked adequate opportunity for proper religious instructions; Sister Aloysia Walters felt grieved that her country people, in a foreign land, should suffer this deprivation and asked God, in fervent prayer, to supply the need. Her zeal was rewarded. One day, after praying long and earnestly, she was inspired to offer her services in the cause of the Master. Her Superior's approval was easily obtained, and she opened a Catechism class on the first Sunday in Lent, in the schoolroom adjoining St. Michael Church. The admirable results induced the pastor to ask that Sister Aloysia might take charge of the school. Eager to spread God's holy truths, she joyfully accepted the task, and many blessings were the result of her ardent strivings."

But the daily going back and forth to the Motherhouse, especially in the winter, was deemed impracticable and the work was temporarily discontinued.

August 26, 1868, marked the formal opening of St. Michael Mission. The zealous pastors and friends of the Community, the Rev. Fathers Schmittdiel and Bolte, now deceased, always co-operated with the teachers' efforts and evinced a deep interest in the welfare of the school.

The new, commodious, and substantial building, recently erected by the Rev. Alphonse Bertele, is well equipped, and its pleasant class rooms accommodate one hundred sixty pupils.

ST. JOSEPH, VIENNA, MICHIGAN

But a decade after the foundation of the Congregation, its chronicles quaintly note the departure of the "Missionary Sisters, Alphonsine, Mary, and Magdalene," on November 3, 1855. With boxes and bundles, the intrepid three, oblivious of all discomfort, mounted the wagon which was to convey them on their route to the not distant village of Vienna, now known as Erie.

Saint Joseph School, Detroit.

Saint Joseph Convent, Detroit.

There they were gladly welcomed by the zealous pastor, Rev. Henry Rivers, as co-laborers, for he recognized in them the realization of his ardent desire to instill the principles of our holy religion into the hearts of the little children who, he fondly hoped, might become staunch defenders of the faith and strong pillars to uphold the Church in his parish.

After four years of toil and trial such as only those know who have borne the burdens of pioneer life, the little Mission of St. Joseph closed. It was reopened, however, under brighter aspects in 1915, when, on the afternoon of August 19, the Rev. Emil L. Wolfstyn and his people cordially received, in their newly-erected convent and school, five Sisters, under whose care about two hundred children now receive the benefits of Catholic training. In June, 1919, four pupils were graduated from the twelfth grade and that same year the aspiring group became affiliated with the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation.

ST. JOSEPH, ST. JOSPEH, PENNSYLVANIA

In August, 1858, the Rt. Rev. John N. Neumann, C. SS. R., of Philadelphia, sent to the Superior, Mother M. Teresa, an earnest appeal for religious to take charge of St. Joseph School, St. Joseph, Susquehanna County, Pa. With the consent of the Bishop of Detroit, the Rt. Rev. Peter Paul LeFevre, D. D., the request was granted and three Sisters left Monroe for this new field of labor, August 30 of the same year.

Soon after their arrival at St. Joseph, the saintly Bishop Neumann made what was, at that time, a long and toilsome journey from Philadelphia to welcome to his diocese the blue-robed daughters of Mary's Immaculate Heart; he remained with them long enough to give a three days' retreat to obtain the blessing of God upon the new foundation.

Trials of varied character succeeded one another until finally, in the designs of Providence, Ecclesiastical Superiors decreed the separation of the East from the West, though union of purpose linked the hearts of the religious, who, in name and object, remained Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

ST. JOSEPH, DETROIT

It seems that the Patron of the Universal Church particularly watched over the early foundations of the Congregation, since, in the shade of sacred edifices dedicated to St. Joseph, were the three schools outside of Monroe that led the lines of missionary advance. St. Joseph, Detroit, claims the proud distinction of being the first mission estab-

lished in that city by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart. On September 2, 1861, at the earnest request of the Rev. A. Durst, and with the approbation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Le Fevre, Mother Mary Joseph, General Superior at that time, went to Detroit, with Sister M. Gertrude Gerretsen, Sister M. Josephine White, and Sister Mary Whipple, to complete arrangements for the opening of the school, on September 4. The number of pupils enrolled—eighty—rapidly increased, requiring in 1867 a new building, which is still in existence as part of the present structure. In 1877 the older boys were given in charge of the Christian Brothers.

It is eminently appropriate, even in this brief sketch of St. Joseph as an educational center, to introduce the names of the Rev. John Friedland and the Rev. Bernard Wermers. They were both devoted to religion and learning, and it is due to their arduous labors during long years that the institution rests on its firm foundation. In the light of their noble example the Rev. Theodore C. Lindemann is continuing the achievements of this excellent school and seeking to win for it new laurels. St. Joseph now registers almost eight hundred, including a class of Senior Academics, the largest in the history of the school. It has an Alumnae Association of thirty members, who are actively engaged in charitable enterprises, untiring in promoting the honor of their Alma Mater, and steadily advancing the interests of the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation.

ST. MARY, MARSHALL, MICHIGAN

Many vicissitudes marked the onward stride of St. Mary School, Marshall, in which even the building shared. The first structure, which was remodeled from a dwelling house by the Rev. J. Hennessy, was completed by his successor, the Rev. P. C. Koopmans. Secular teachers were employed until the fall of 1864, when three Sisters from Monroe replaced them.

In 1867, a change of pastors restored the secular régime; but in 1869, our Sisters were again in Marshall. In 1875, they returned to Monroe, and Sisters of another Order taught until 1883, when, the Rev. P. A. Baart, S. T. L., having completed a new school, applied for the return of the Immaculate Heart Community. Since then, both grammar and high school studies have formed part of the curriculum. The music class has always been largely patronized by the non-Catholic citizens of the conservative little town and has been linked with pleasant associations.

Holy Trinity Convent, Detroit.

Holy Trinity School, Detroit.

Though the registration of St. Mary pupils has never reached two hundred, the record of its students fairly compensates the lack of numbers. Under the direction of the Rev. George Clarson, the school continues to exercise its beneficent influence.

HOLY TRINITY, DETROIT

In 1867, the Rev. Father Peters, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, placed the boys under the care of our Sisters, Sister M. De Sales and three companions taking charge. The Sisters of Charity conducted the school for girls on the corner of Porter and Seventh Streets. The boys' school adjoining the church was a very old and dilapidated building and the frame house in which our Sisters lived on Third Street was in keeping with it.

The Rev. Aloysius Bleyenbergh, who succeeded to the pastorate in 1869, a man of great learning, piety and zeal, turned all his attention to bettering the condition of the school, in which he was ably assisted by the present pastor, the Right Rev. Mgr. Savage, then newly ordained; and in 1875, he built the school as it now stands, which in its day was justly regarded as the finest in the city. The girls were then given into the care of the Immaculate Heart Sisters, and the large-hearted Father Bleyenbergh made the school free, which greatly augmented the debt and increased his financial embarrassment.

The Rev. Robert Doman, becoming the pastor in 1883, had the debt placed under twenty-year bonds, then built Holy Trinity Rectory and purchased a commodious building as a residence for the Sisters. In 1887, Father Doman was succeeded by the Rev. James Savage, and upon him fell the burden of liquidating the accumulated indebtedness.

The school sustained many trials and privations during the years of financial difficulties and, to relieve urgent needs, the Sisters opened a music class, the first in the mission schools, and allowed the income accruing from the leasons to defray expenses. With the advent of the much esteemed Father Savage, and owing to his zeal, his tireless energy and his emphatic devotion to the salvation of the children of the parish, the school soon won back its proud distinctive title—"Grand Old Trinity."

Rome has recognized the long and faithful services of this esteemed priest by raising him to the rank of Domestic Prelate of the Pope with the title of Monsignor.

Under Mgr. Savage's direction, the school stands in organization, equipment, and "up-to-date" methods, for all that is highest and best

in Catholic education; and as in the past, exerts a marvelous power in molding and shaping characters that largely influence the social, civic, and religious life of Detroit. Its graduates, one hundred forty-eight, form a flourishing Alumnae Association, whose activities constantly reflect new honors on the school they so proudly claim, and whose loyal co-operation renders effective service in the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation. Holy Trinity, with its complete course of religious instruction, has been ideal in its trinity of excellences,—the true, the beautiful and the good.

ST. PATRICK, CARLETON, MICHIGAN

In the foyer of a cozy Flemish presbytery, a large American flag and four mural paintings of Michigan churches bespeak the sentiments of the aged priest who founded St. Patrick, in 1867, the Rev. Désiré Callaert, who at the earnest solicitation of the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bruges, returned to historic Flanders to rest from his apostolic labors. Thus it is that the story of St. Patrick Church and School at Carleton (Stoney Creek) has been recounted in the annals of the Yzer Country.

In the "Golden Jubilee" booklet, under the heading "Our School," we read that in 1867: "Ground was broken, the bricks for the structure made on the premises, and the work pushed on so assiduously that in a very short time an imposing edifice was erected." The central part, a story and a half, surmounted by a turret for the bell, was the Sisters' dwelling. On January 29, 1868, the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the little band of three Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, took possession of their new home. In 1909, the old school having outgrown its usefulness was torn down, and the Rev. Frederick Heidenreich erected a brick building, of which St. Patrick Congregation has reason to be proud. The location in a country district militates against growth in numbers, but each year better facilities promote the progress of the pupils through the grammar grades, and today, under the management of the Rev. M. John Farrell, the results are most gratifying.

ST. THOMAS, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

At the request of the Rev. Henry Delbaar, the parochial school of St. Thomas, Ann Arbor, was opened September 1, 1868, by Sister M. Veronica Mulligan, Sister M. Ursula Brittain, and Sister M. Louise Walsh.

The school was a plain brick building on Kingsley St., the convent a frame house rented for one year. Later it was purchased with funds

Saint Thomas School, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Saint Patrick School, Carleton, Michigan.

Saint Charles School, Coldwater, Michigan.

Holy Cross School, Marine City, Michigan.

Holy Cross Convent, Marine City, Michigan.

Saint Mary Convent and School, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

which the Sisters themselves helped to solicit in neighboring districts. In January, 1869, a fourth Sister was added to the faculty, and soon the crowded condition of the school necessitated an annex. In 1885, this was found inadequate, and the Rev. Wm. Fierle built a handsome structure on a most desirable site between State and Elizabeth Streets. Part of this building formed the Sisters' convent and included rooms for a music department.

From the first, St. Thomas School proved very successful. Entertainments given for its benefit were all well attended and highly praised. In the early '70's, high school courses were offered and since that time the number of graduates in academic and music courses has reached one hundred eleven.

In 1908, the school was accredited by the State University. Its Alumni have proved in every instance the value of the training at St. Thomas and they look back to their Alma Mater as the "well from which they drew all their cups of knowledge."

The Rt. Rev. Edward Kelly, D. D., in his long pastorate at Ann Arbor, was closely identified with the best interests of St. Thomas School. In erecting a beautiful convent and conservatory on Elizabeth Street and remodeling the old convent, he provided more class rooms, which at the present writing, under the administration of the devoted pastor, Rev. J. Cahalan, are taxed to their utmost.

HOLY CROSS, MARINE CITY, MICHIGAN

Holy Cross School, Marine City, has the honor to have been the first parochial school in St. Clair County. The building, established by the Rev. A. J. Lambert in 1867, was formally opened, October 9, 1869, with an attendance of twenty-three boys and forty-two girls under the direction of Sisters M. Colette, M. Eugenia, and M. Petronilla, who are still in the ranks of the Master's service. 1890 saw the parish busily engaged in the erection of the present structure in its pleasant location on the bank of St. Clair River.

The building contains seven cheery class rooms and a large, up-to-date laboratory. The high school has existed since 1894, and the graduates from this department number seventy-eight. Many additions have been made to the excellent library this year, including valuable works of fiction, history, biography, travel, and science. At present four hundred sixty pupils are enrolled, about fifty being in the high school department.

Literary circles, sodalities, a school orchestra and alumnae gatherings foster that class spirit which, with their dramatic ability, redounds to the credit of Holy Cross children.

The devotedness of the Rev. Peter J. Ternes does much to stimulate progress and gives a decided prestige to the school.

ST. MARY, MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

The dates 1870 and 1920 stand as portals of the years St. Mary has measured, years that, in the golden light of Jubilee, are rich in their contribution to the great cause of Catholic education.

The young Belgian priest, the Rev. Camillus P. Maes, who later was raised to the Episcopal See of Covington, Ky., certainly did not dream, as he congregated his small band of children in the unpretentious school to present them to Sisters M. De Sales Cassidy, M. Adelaide Donovan and M. Victoria Fohey, that the work begun would develop into such magnificent proportions.

Slowly but steadily, under the zealous guidance of the saintly Rev. Charles Ryckaert and Rev. August Van Hoomissen, the school grew in numbers and increased in efficiency. The Rev. Cornelius Kennedy, in 1912, erected a separate high school; and to his practical foresight and energy it is largely due that St. Mary now stands in the front ranks of educational institutions. 1915 placed it on the list of schools accredited by the University of Michigan.

Its present pastor, the Rev. Thomas Luby, with unflagging interest, perpetuates past efforts and triumphs. St. Mary's roll-call reaches about eight hundred, including eighty-three high school academic students. The alumni, numbering one hundred twenty, reflect honor on their Alma Mater, and connected with the school are flourishing religious societies which widen its sphere of activities.

A splendid music department seconds the refining influence of St. Mary and, with its orchestra, lends an additional attractiveness to school life.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, IONIA, MICHIGAN

Nearly half a century ago, in September, 1871, a parochial school, conducted by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was established at Ionia, Michigan, under the patronage of SS. Peter and Paul. After three years, the Sisters were withdrawn and secular teachers were in charge of the school until 1878, when five Sisters of Christian Charity, from Wilkesbarre, Penn., replaced the seculars. Thirteen years later,

SS. Peter and Paul Convent, Ionia, Michigan.

SS. Peter and Paul School, Ionia, Michigan.

Saint Boniface School, Detroit.

Saint Boniface Convent, Detroit.

the Rev. Wm. Fierle was transferred from Ann Arbor to Ionia; and in 1904, after having completed the present magnificent and fully equipped school, he made application to St. Mary's for the return of the Sisters to SS. Peter and Paul Parish. His request was granted and six Sisters assumed charge of the school. Death claimed Reverend Father Fierle in June, 1905; and in July of the same year, he was succeeded by the Rev. Hugh D. McCarthy, whose firm and judicious guidance must ever identify him with the progress of Ionia's parish school.

It has grown steadily and has proved a recognized and powerful agent in disseminating the principles of Christian dogma and morals. Its alumni, about fifty young men and women, of whom the faculty are justly proud, are closely associated with the school.

In the famous Army Essay Contest of 1920, the school of SS. Peter and Paul won enviable reputation through one of its academic pupils, Miss Norma Byrne, whose paper was declared to be the best in the Western Michigan recruiting district. She was awarded a silver cup, and her school an American flag, while her essay, having been sent to Washington, D. C., with fifty-five others from various districts in the United States, was ranked the seventeenth in the order of merit.

SAINT BONIFACE, DETROIT

St. Boniface School, Detroit, now one of the old land-marks of the West side, was organized in 1872, when amidst wooded trails and open fields, little scattered cottages sheltered the children of German families who once formed part of old St. Mary's Congregation. The present school building, which fire recently threatened to destroy, was formerly used for church and school. Three Sisters formed the first body of teachers.

Once the school was organized, the parish grew rapidly; and the energetic Pastor, Rev. Bernard Wermers, soon found means of erecting the present imposing church, and later the spacious rectory.

About nineteen years ago, the Rev. John Schreiber built a convent for the teaching Sisters of the school, and a parish hall for society meetings and entertainments.

Under the able administration of this most worthy priest, who for twenty-seven years spent himself in the care of his people, rooms in the parish hall were given to facilitate the work of the high school department and leave more space to the grades.

On the death of Father Schreiber, in October, 1917, the Rev. Michael G. Esper, of St. Joseph, Mich., was appointed to succeed him; and he is now the highly esteemed pastor of St. Boniface.

During his short pastorate Reverend Father Esper has made many improvements which have greatly enhanced the beauty of St. Boniface buildings.

Six years ago the demand for commercial work in connection with the high school department necessitated the opening of a new room devoted entirely to commercial branches.

At present the school has under its supervision 570 pupils. An active Alumnae Association seconds its best efforts.

ST. JOHN, JACKSON, MICHIGAN

As in other Christian communities, so also in Jackson, the Catholic school has kept pace with the Catholic church; the history of the one is the history of the other.

In 1873, the Rev. Theophilus Buyse came to Jackson, and as soon as possible he secured for a school a little two-story frame building on Milwaukee Street. Four Sisters from Monroe, September 15, opened this school. The very first day they enrolled over two hundred children. The Superior of that little band of religious, Sister M. Petronilla Clark, is still living and tells many interesting stories of the trials and privations of those early days.

The city of Jackson was growing rapidly, St. John Parish was daily becoming larger; and, in the course of a year or two, the number of children attending the school could not be accommodated in the three rooms at first provided. It was necessary to open two classrooms in what was then known as the chapel, in the rear and above the sacristy of the church. A music department was opened in 1887 and was so successful that, within a few years, two music teachers were needed. In 1892, in order to relieve the crowded conditions, another frame building was constructed on Milwaukee Street near Quarry.

In the spring of 1901, the Rev. C. M. B. Schenkelberg began the imposing brick and stone structure on Cooper Street, which will ever be a monument to his wisdom and foresight. On September 7, the cornerstone was laid by the Right Reverend John S. Foley, D. D., Bishop of Detroit; and owing to the untiring zeal of the pastor and the generosity of his devoted people, one of the finest schools of the diocese was formally opened on the nineteenth of January, 1903. Made entirely of Ionia sandstone and pressed brick, with trimmings of Bedford

Saint John Convent, Jackson, Michigan.

Saint John School, Jackson, Michigan.

Saint Vincent School, Detroit.

Saint Vincent Academy, Detroit.

stone, this three-story building, surrounded by extensive and well-kept lawns, presents an appearance at once of utility and grandeur. It has a roomy and well-planned basement suitable for a gymnasium, two floors entirely devoted to bright, airy classrooms, and a third floor, including a fine auditorium, a music studio, and several practice rooms.

In 1917, at the request of the Rev. John G. Wall, the successor of Reverend Father Schenkelberg, application was made for affiliation with the State University and two months later the high school department was placed on the list of Accredited Schools. The St. John Alumnae were among the first to enroll as members of the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation.

ST. VINCENT, DETROIT

Forty-six years ago, a group of five Sisters took possession of the neat, two-story convent on Marantette Street and began their work of teaching in St. Vincent School. The girls only were confided to their care, as secular teachers had previously been secured for the boys.

The school, a type of building common enough in those days but now gradually becoming extinct, was an ungainly wooden structure, two stories high, with a broad frontage and little depth. The outside stairs to the upper classrooms, were perilous in winter and had little to recommend them on the score of ornament at any season. The lower rooms were divided by cumbrous doors that were raised at the week's end to give additional space as an annex to the church. The school furnishings were in keeping with the surroundings.

Humble, indeed, was the beginning, but the laborers were filled with the zeal of the Master; and in that fertile soil of lively faith and sincere piety, they patiently sowed the seeds that have borne rich and abundant fruit.

In 1876, the Rev. Michael O'Donovan took charge of the parish, and the following year the Sisters were requested to preside in one of the boys' classrooms. A few years later, he built an addition to the convent, forming two classrooms for the girls.

The Rt. Rev. James G. Doherty, LL.D., was appointed to the parish in 1886; and finding the school building inadequate, as the number of pupils was constantly increasing, he began at once the erection of the present St. Vincent School, which after all these years, still looms up in stately elegance, the pride of the parish to whose generosity it owes its existence.

From his first assuming the pastoral charge of St. Vincent down to the present, Rev. Father Doherty has been constant and tireless in working for Him who so loves the souls of men, and who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." He considers no labor too great, no time as lost that can advance Catholic education and make the pupils account for the faith that is in them, knowing they will thus be better qualified to solve the more intricate problems of life.

In 1893, it was found necessary to build a high school, which now has the very best in the line of libraries and laboratories. But it is not the building that has focused the attention of so many on this school. St. Vincent has for some years been affiliated with the State University. Its Alumnae Association of one hundred ninety is one of the most active in promoting the interests of the Immaculate Heart Federation. Its numerous students have won distinction in every walk of life and have left an immortal record, of which all are justly proud. Thirty-two have been raised to the dignity of the priesthood, more than a hundred have become religious, a large number are teaching in the public schools, and many are presiding in ideal Catholic homes.

And the work still goes on. Notwithstanding adverse changes in environment, the school is taxed to its utmost capacity, the students thrill with the same enthusiasm that won glorious laurels in the past and they hope to secure like honors in the future.

OUR LADY OF HELP, DETROIT

Time has wrought many changes since September, 1875, when Sister M. Godelieve Marum and her three companions entered Our Lady of Help Church to confide the new mission appointed them to the loving protection of Mary, Help of Christians. The sacred edifice, then the pride of the Rev. Gustave Limpins and his devoted people, is substantially the same and still holds a strong place in the affection of the congregation and its revered pastor, the Rev. James Wheeler.

The school building, considered quite a pretentious structure in those days, remained intact until 1892, when through the energy and undaunted efforts of good Father Wheeler, it was supplanted by the present commanding structure. More than five hundred pupils enjoy the advantages of this modern high-class institution. A splendid auditorium, where the talent of the school has been frequently displayed, is conducive to educational advancement. The school has had ninety-two graduates, and its active Alumnae Association is affiliated with the

Our Lady of Help School, Detroit.

Our Lady of Help Convent, Detroit.

Saint Michael Convent, Flint, Michigan.

Saint Michael School, Flint, Michigan.

Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation. A fine music department and a chapel for the use of the parish sodalities are praiseworthy features of the school. The well-organized and thriving religious societies, particularly the Young Ladies Sodality and the St. Aloysius' Boys' Society, have acquired an enviable reputation for their efficiency. From the latter, Detroit diocese has received the Rev. John Linskey, Rev. Thomas Carey, Rev. Charles Linskey, Rev. Thomas Fallon and Rev. John Hunt. No wonder Rev. Father Wheeler receives so many encomiums from his people, so much gratitude from his children, since it is chiefly to his zeal they owe their success.

ST. MICHAEL, FLINT, MICHIGAN

The Rev. Robert Haire, in August, 1877, welcomed to St. Michael, Flint, five Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, whose Superior, Sister M. Catherine Biry, celebrates this year her Diamond Jubilee (60 years). With the zeal and self-sacrifice, that, in after years and in a new field of labor, won for him the title of "The Grand Old Man of Dakota," Reverend Father Haire vacated his rectory to afford a convent for the religious. The people responded nobly to his efforts; and when school opened, more than 200 children answered the roll call. Year by year, the generous spirit of St. Michael Congregation was manifested; and almost two score years under the noble-hearted Father Timothy Murphy, strengthened the faith of a generous people whose constant ambition it was to erect an adequate building in which their children might receive an education accompanied by constant religious training.

It was only after the erection of Murphy Hall that a high school was possible, and one of well-recognized efficiency is now carrying the complete course.

A new school is in prospect, and it is certain that the undaunted spirit which characterized the pastor, the Rev. Patrick R. Dunigan, as Chaplain in the U. S. Army and merited for him the Cross of the Legion of Honor, will now "carry on" to success this long-desired project.

HOLY REDEEMER, DETROIT

Holy Redeemer School holds a unique position in the list of institutions conducted by the Community. Through its founder, it is a link with the earliest days of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart.

It was established in 1882 by the saintly Redemptorist, the Rev. Egidius Smulders. This noted missionary was the second director of

the newly-established Community in Monroe, coming to it in 1847, at a time when the members suffered extreme poverty. He realized their need, and generously devoted his own patrimony to the building of an addition to the convent. Some years later he was called away from Monroe, but gratitude wrote his name deep in the hearts of those pioneer religious; and one of the golden memories they have bequeathed to a younger generation is the name of Father Smulders.

The chronicles of the Community tell us that three Sisters, with Sister Joanna Burke as Superior, went to Springwells, Detroit, August 28, 1882, to open a school. After a three days' mission for the children, one hundred twenty-five pupils were enrolled. To the present-day observer of this parish, it might seem almost incredible that a time was when four very modest frame buildings stood solitary in the midst of a sandy waste. No playground problems then. For twenty years the growth of the school was gradual. Then a change in the industrial conditions of the city caused a phenomenal increase in the parish, and more commodious buildings became a necessity. These were erected by the Redemptorist Rectors, the Rev. Benedict Neithart, the Rev. Daniel Mullane, the Rev. Thomas Brown, the Rev. Nicholas C. Franzen, and the Rev. Thomas J. Condon. Their successor, the Rev. Edward K. Cantwell, imbued with the same indomitable energy, will soon begin erecting a church capable of accommodating his numerous parishioners.

In June, 1920, the attendance at Holy Redeemer School was two thousand twenty-five. Nearly twelve hundred of these pupils are in the primary and intermediate departments. The Girls' High School offers the standard courses, and includes music, expression, domestic science, and the commercial branches. It is accredited by the State University and its one hundred ninety Alumnae are characterized by the Holy Redeemer spirit of advance, lending valuable aid to the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation. A large and prosperous Boys' High School is under the able direction of the Brothers of Mary (Dayton, O.).

ST. PHILIP, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

No doubt the ardent apostle, St. Philip, who had heard from the lips of the Master the precious words: "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," smiled a benediction, when in 1884, a Catholic school, opened in Battle Creek, was placed under his patronage.

Holy Redeemer High School, Detroit.

Holy Redeemer Convent, Detroit.

Saint Philip School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Saint Philip Convent, Battle Creek, Michigan.

"Father Dempsey," now Monsignor Dempsey V. G., of Detroit, eager for the spiritual welfare of the children of the parish, asked for three Sisters of our Community to begin the great work. This was no little task in those days, but the zeal of the Reverend pastor surmounted all obstacles. During the many years in which Rev. Richard J. Sadlier had charge of St. Philip, his self-sacrifice and devotion to duty were blessed by Him who gave the inspiration; the school increased, and a large music class became an important factor, so that more commodious buildings were required.

In 1911, the pastor, Reverend A. Burke, built the new St. Philip, a monument to his interest and loyalty in the cause of Catholic education. Hitherto a high school was not possible, but at the present writing, successful efforts are being made to accommodate the pupils through the twelve grades.

Those who have reached the required age are permitted to join one or more of the religious societies organized for the children. The boys belong to the Sodality of St. Aloysius; the younger girls enroll themselves as children of Mary, while the eighth grade and high school girls honor our Lady as members of the Holy Rosary Sodality.

ST. PATRICK, WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN

The announcement by Reverend Mother Clotilda, to the Community during the vacation of 1885, that, in response to the request of the Rev. Joseph Roeper, a mission would be established in Wyandotte the following scholastic year, found its fulfillment on September 3, when three Sisters received a warm welcome from both pastor and people.

On the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity, Sister M. Crescentia Costigan, the Superior, with her zealous companions, eager to commence the Apostolate of souls, opened St. Patrick School, then of only two rooms, with an attendance of one hundred fifty children. Each year lengthened the roll call, and at the present writing, the registration totals six hundred thirty-four. Truly has the Congregation manifested, in this marvelous growth, a beautiful spirit of faith.

In 1907, the new school was erected by the Rev. James Hally, whose memory is held sacred in the parish he served faithfully for almost a quarter of a century. It contains eight classrooms, besides the high school department, a well selected library, and excellent physical and chemical apparatus. A spacious auditorium gives opportunity to the Debating Society, formed from the Senior and Junior Classes, to develop their argumentative and oratorical powers. Upon the recommendation

of Professor Edmonson, of the University of Michigan, the school was, in 1919, placed on the accredited list. The present Pastor, the Rev. Edward Fisher, is indefatigable in devising means to promote the moral and spiritual influence of St. Patrick.

Flourishing religious societies show how wonderful and far-reaching was the influence of the pioneers of the early days, an influence that has not diminished but still lives in their successors, who are dominated by the same fundamental principle: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His justice and all other things shall be added unto you."

SS. PETER AND PAUL, DETROIT

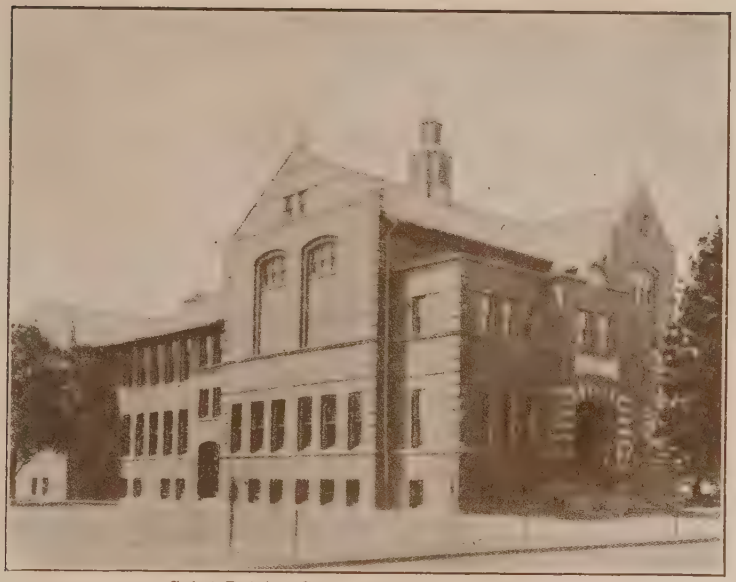
When St. Patrick Parish Church changed its name to SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, there was no parochial school attached to it, but the Rt. Rev. Bishop Foley, in his devotedness to Catholic education, was not slow in providing for the children within the limits of the parish.

The magnificent stone structure on Parsons Street, which will ever remain a monument to his zeal, was soon in process of erection and finally completed, November 6, 1893. This dates the opening of the Cathedral School. One hundred twenty-five children presented themselves for enrollment; this number was doubled at the beginning of the second semester and kept on increasing till it reached the maximum of about six hundred.

Everything in the way of equipment was generously supplied by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Dempsey, who was appointed pastor shortly after the opening of the school. His coming gave a new impetus to the work, for no priest could be more zealous and solicitous for the souls intrusted to his care and especially for the little ones, than good Father Dempsey; and when our Holy Father, taking recognition of his long years of service in the government of the diocese, raised him to the purple with the title of Monsignor, an anthem of joy and praise, was heard throughout the diocese, so much had he endeared himself to the hearts of priests and people for his faithful, self-sacrificing and devoted labors for the welfare of our Holy Mother the Church.

The school is affiliated with the University of Michigan, it has connected with it an excellent music department, and affords its pupils all that is best in true education and culture.

At present there are one hundred seven graduates; they form part of the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation, and among them are successful teachers and many religious active in the promotion of God's glory.



Saint Patrick School, Wyandotte, Michigan.

Sacred Heart School, Dearborn, Michigan.

Cathedral Convent and School, Detroit.

Cathedral School, Detroit.

ST. STEPHEN, PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

St. Stephen School at Port Huron, Mich, was placed under the direction of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart in 1895, at the request of the Very Rev. Joseph P. McManus, pastor of that parish. The good work had been begun in 1880 by the Sisters of Providence, from St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, who had a day school, and a boarding school for young ladies, the latter known as the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

This academy was first conducted in the Nelson Robert's home; but in 1884 the present convent was erected, which now serves for a conservatory of music and a home for the Sisters. On the arrival of the Sisters from Monroe, the boarding school was discontinued and the high school grades opened to boys as well as girls.

From its very foundation, St. Stephen has steadily enlarged its number of pupils and the present enrollment is 500, including about ninety who have registered for high school courses.

The graduates, numbering one hundred sixty, form a thriving "Alumnae Association." Today, seconded by the effective striving of a congregation loyal to the cause of Catholic education, the Rev. Father McManus, with an enthusiasm and energy commensurate with his desires, is planning the erection of a magnificent structure which the parish can proudly claim as St. Stephen School.

ST. FREDERICK, PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

Twenty-five years ago, when the Rev. Thomas J. Ryan (who succeeded the Rev. Frederick J. Baumgartner on his appointment as Chancellor of Detroit diocese), assumed charge of St. Vincent parish, he found it well organized, with a beautiful new church but no school. Realizing the need of training the children in the practice of their religion, he struck the keynote of his endeavor in his very first sermon in Pontiac.

It was not until three years later that he was able to carry out his cherished project, when the sale of the old Baptist Church furnished the desired opportunity. Father Ryan purchased the edifice and, with much difficulty, had it moved to the present site on Whittemore Street, using the frame work with part of the material in the construction of the new building. Work progressed so favorably that St. Frederick School was ready for occupancy the following autumn, when five Sisters from St. Mary's, Monroe, assumed charge. A music class was organized

at once and it continues to the present time an important department of the school.

Impressed with the necessity and the advantages of higher education, the pastor made provision for higher courses. In 1913, the number of secondary pupils having outgrown the accommodations afforded them in the grade building, a large residence on Cottage Street was purchased for the Sisters; and the building formerly used as a convent was converted into a high school. During the present year, an assembly hall was added. Well furnished laboratories, both physical and chemical, a carefully chosen library of several hundred volumes, and a complete commercial department, provide ample facilities for the several courses pursued.

Thus the good work begun in 1897 has grown, until today St. Frederick School shows a registration of six hundred fifty, including music pupils, and an "Alumnae Association," numbering seventy-five members, all loyal and true to the principles instilled into their youthful hearts within the hallowed walls of their Alma Mater.

HOLY ROSARY, DETROIT

In January, 1904, a new school, under the patronage of Our Lady of the Rosary, opened its doors and cheery classrooms to the favored youth of the promising Holy Rosary Parish. The loved, esteemed, and famously kind-hearted Father Van Antwerp, could not allow this cherished portion of his flock to seek for education in any hall of learning that was not under the shadow of the Cross and the sheltering mantle of their Blessed Mother. Expense, inconvenience, sacrifice,—all dwindled to insignificance until his ideal was realized. His call was answered by an enrollment that outnumbered all his anticipations.

To the joy of the Immaculate Heart Sisters in charge, the school grew rapidly and in two years all available space had to be used for classrooms; each scholastic year brought its demands and finally a new building was planned for the high school, which today in its equipment, laboratories, library and gymnasium, is second to none. It is affiliated with the State University and many of its eighty-nine graduates are occupying responsible positions in various fields.

Perhaps no school can boast of greater spiritual advantages, as each scholastic year ends with a retreat conducted by their revered and devoted Father, in which all the children are safely guided from this sheltered harbor to the open sea of life.

Saint Stephen Convent, Port Huron, Michigan.

Saint Stephen School, Port Huron, Michigan.

Saint Frederick School and Campus. Pontiac, Michigan.

Saint Frederick Convent, Pontiac, Michigan.

The present seems to be a banner year in the splendid course of athletics for boys and girls of the high school, its team work winning laurels everywhere. Rosary School boasts of its literary organizations and prides itself on the splendid spirit shown; students count not the cost and good-humoredly vie with one another in putting forth programs that their elders would be proud to claim. The literary meetings are devoted to debates, original stories, and the study of the classics. A well organized music department has always been connected with the school, and its work is recognized by all lovers of the art.

The crowning glory of the school is in the honors recently conferred upon their loved and venerated pastor. The great universities have recognized his scholarship, and his zeal for Holy Mother Church; and the degrees of LL.D. and D.D. (given by these shrines of learning) are substantial acknowledgement of his worth. Last, but not least, our Holy Father Benedict XV. honors his devoted son with the office of a Monsignor.

ST. MARY, LORAIN, OHIO

St. Mary School enjoys the distinction of being the oldest seat of Catholic education in Lorain. It was built in 1888 by the saintly pastor of St. Mary, the Rev. Wimar Müller. The Sisters of our Congregation were given charge of the school in the fall of 1905.

There are at present three hundred twenty pupils in the grammar grades and fifty-one in the high school. An extensive library affords the latter ample opportunity for research work, while co-operative in refining influences is St. Mary's Conservatory of Music.

The first class to be graduated was that of 1910. The Alumni, now counting forty members, show themselves deeply concerned in whatever affects the honor and renown of their Alma Mater, evincing on many occasions their grateful appreciation of the lessons taught within dear St. Mary; and under the devoted direction of the pastor, the Rev. John Johnston, they exercise a beneficial influence in civic circles.

The religious societies include the Young Ladies' Sodality, the Junior Holy Name Society, and the Children of Mary. The first boasts an especially large membership and the active interest taken by all renders it a potent factor for good in the community.

BLESSED SACRAMENT, DETROIT

On August 28, 1907, the Blessed Sacrament School, situated in what was then considered the extreme Northern section of the city, enrolled its initial band of pupils.

Besides the convent there were but two other residences on Belmont Avenue, over whose grass-grown road vehicles rarely passed. Great open fields gave little prospect of the almost unprecedented growth that was to transform them into the present closely populated district and tax to its utmost capacity the building then used as church and school.

The first registration showed seventy-five pupils; today the number is multiplied tenfold. June 17, 1910, witnessed the first Commencement Exercises, and there are now sixty-four high school graduates.

In 1915, a separate school was founded for boys, from the sixth to the twelfth grade inclusive, and entrusted to the efficient educators, the Brothers of Mary, Dayton, Ohio.

The department of music dates from the establishment of the school and has been a forceful factor along social and cultural lines.

Although daily attendance of the pupils at Holy Mass is encouraged in all our schools, the punctual and general response of the Blessed Sacrament children entitles them to distinctive commendation, though to the unflagging interest and zealous efforts of the Rev. John J. Connolly must be attributed the success of this truly laudable practice.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, AKRON, OHIO

The Rev. T. F. Mahar, D. D., of hallowed memory, founded the now flourishing St. Vincent School at Akron, Ohio. Dear to his fatherly heart were the youth of his parish, and naught, he felt, would compensate for a lack of early religious training. At his request, in 1907, our Rev. Mother General sent thither a small corps of teachers; and the hearts of the Sisters rejoiced, when on a bright September morning, two hundred seventy-three merry, eager voices responded to roll call.

The years sped quickly by, bringing with them an increased attendance and demands for more classrooms and teachers. The Reverend Doctor Mahar was happy; but Death laid his hand upon him while in the very act of providing for these needs. He was replaced by the present highly esteemed pastor, the Rev. J. J. Scullen, whose zealous progressiveness is shown in the magnificent new buildings and equipment that make St. Vincent second to none in the diocese of Cleveland.

Holy Rosary Schools, Detroit.

Holy Rosary Convent, Detroit.

Saint Mary School, Lorain, Ohio.

Saint Mary Convent, Lorain, Ohio.

The high school, accredited to the State University, is ideal, embracing in its curriculum manual training, mechanical drawing, and domestic science, while the library and laboratories afford ample opportunity for collateral reading and practical experiment.

The alumni number one hundred twenty; and many other flourishing societies, social and religious, are connected with the institution. To the good people of St. Vincent and to their zealous pastor, all glory is due for this Home of Catholic Learning and the influence which it must exercise throughout the coming years.

ST. MARY, AKRON, OHIO

Located at the junction of Coburn and Thornton Streets, Akron, is the St. Mary Church, and immediately north of it, St. Mary School, where at present over eight hundred children are in attendance.

Looking at the buildings of today, one can scarcely realize the extraordinary growth that has taken place here in a few short years; for St. Mary, as many another school, took its rise from humble beginnings. In September, 1907, at the earnest solicitation of the Rev. Lawrence Brady, three Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were sent to open a school.

Very soon, however, St. Mary grew rapidly from the two hundred fifty pupils of 1907 to the eight hundred twenty-five of 1920; and a magnificent school building recently erected is provided with all modern conveniences. A large number of pupils, graduated from St. Mary High School and Music Department, have been successful in securing prominent positions in the various activities of the city. Besides the Alumni Association, St. Mary is proud of its flourishing societies and sodalities.

A few years after the opening of the school, Reverend Father Brady's health failed; but his work has been zealously continued by the Rev. Joseph S. O'Keefe, who succeeded him, and under whose able direction and earnest efforts, the present magnificent group of parish buildings has been erected. The plain wooden church that formerly answered the needs of the congregation is replaced by the stately basilica, which was long only a dream in the minds of pastor and people.

ANNUNCIATION, DETROIT

"Ten Years of Annunciation Progress," the parish bulletin, reads:—

"The History of Annunciation is not unlike the story to be told about nearly every other parish. It arose from a desire of Catholic

people to have a church in their midst where God could be worshiped according to their faith and where the Divine Sacrifice would be offered daily. It was formed from parts of St. Charles' and St. Bernard's parishes. The beautiful locality around Waterworks Park had attracted numerous home-seekers, and many of them were Catholics. For a while they attended the nearest churches but the growing numbers awakened them to the necessity of a near-by church.

"In August, 1908, ground was broken for Annunciation School, on Parkview Ave., near Jefferson, and the following year found everything in readiness for the arrival of eight of the Immaculate Heart Sisters, who opened the school early in September with an enrollment of 275 children. From that time on, the number of pupils increased so rapidly that the pastor, Rev. Jas. Stapleton, made an addition to the original building. The school now consists of eighteen classrooms, a laboratory, a library, and a music department.

"In 1915, the high school was visited, upon request, by Mr. Edmonson of the University of Michigan, who expressed in the highest terms his approval of the classes visited, the order prevailing throughout the school, and the well-kept files in the office, whereby every child's record is made readily accessible. As a consequence, Annunciation High School, although laying claim to but four years' existence, and fifty-seven graduates, was listed among the schools affiliated with the University, and though still young, it can point with pride to a host of growing boys and girls who will ere long be men and women whose mental and moral training must make them valuable members of society and a credit to their Church."

The completion of a convent has been the last addition to the buildings erected by the Rev. James Stapleton and are splendid monuments that will perpetuate his memory among the devoted people to whom, for Christ's sake, he was given such eminent service.

ST. CHARLES, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN

St. Charles, Coldwater, was opened in September, 1911. Although the school was not completed, classes were held in the church, chapel and sacristy until the four classrooms were ready for use. Grammar grades and the music department existed from the beginning, high school studies succeeding in due time. The school graduated its initial class in 1916 and St. Charles Alumnae Association was organized. Up to the present the graduates number ten, and are exercising a beneficial influence in their various walks of life.

Blessed Sacrament School, Detroit.

Blessed Sacrament Convent, Detroit.

Saint Vincent de Paul High School, Akron, Ohio.

Saint Vincent de Paul Convent, Akron, Ohio.

Saint Mary Church, Akron, Ohio.

Saint Mary School, Akron, Ohio.

The school, for one of its size, is remarkably well equipped. The physical laboratory is the personal gift of the Rev. Denis Hayes, who donated his Christmas collection of 1915 for this purpose. Wishing the high school to be second to none, he was willing to make any sacrifice for its betterment, and his ambitious projects have been ably seconded by his successor, Rev. J. P. Walsh.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, DETROIT

Throughout the City of the Straits, we see the progress of Catholicity in the ever-growing number of churches and schools, each telling, in a language more eloquent than words, of faith and love and sacrifice. In what is now called East Detroit, those magnificent structures enhance the beauty of their surroundings and show what courage and devotedness can do when actuated by lofty motives.

St. Charles, Townsend Ave., for many years an unpretentious frame building in which the pupils had secular teachers, passed into the charge of the Immaculate Heart Sisters, in September, 1912; and in the same month, the Rt. Rev. E. D. Kelly, D. D., laid the corner stone of the present handsome structure.

The large enrollment precludes at present the original purpose of a twelve grade course, though it is to be confidently hoped that the unflagging energy of the Rev. Francis W. Hewlett will soon bring about the accomplishment of this plan.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN

"South Dearborn Avenue," called the conductor, and eleven Sisters of the Immaculate Heart descended the steps of a dusty car, alighted on a dusty pavement and pursued their way along a dusty road, on a certain sultry morning in the latter part of August, 1913. Following the lead of the Superior, the little band turned westward, and before they had gone very far, they beheld the beautiful new school of Our Lady of Lourdes, a part of which was to serve for a brief period as the convent.

The first Tuesday in September found teachers and pupils ready for regular work in rooms that were minus blackboards, shades, and wardrobes. Plumbers, carpenters and other workmen were present in almost any schoolroom at any hour of the day.

The number of pupils has passed the nine hundred mark. There have been but twenty-two graduates up to this time, and therefore the Rev. E. Glemet, who has labored so strenuously for the progress of the school, feels justly proud of the fact that one of the members of the

1919 class was awarded the scholarship offered by the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation.

The Alumni Association met for the first time on Sunday, December 28, of this year.

The societies to which the pupils of the school are eligible, are the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, for the girls of the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, the Children of Mary for all girls below the tenth grade, and the Junior Holy Name for the boys of the upper grades.

In May, 1919, following the examination of an inspector from the University of Michigan, notification was received that Our Lady of Lourdes Academy was placed on its list of Accredited Schools.

SAINT CATHERINE, DETROIT

On the glad morning of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 1914, the portals of the new, well-equipped school of Saint Catherine of Siena, on Maxwell Avenue, were thrown open to welcome the zealous followers of the Cross of Christ, seven Servants of Mary's Immaculate Heart, and the three hundred and fifty eagerly expectant and happy children who were to be their pupils.

Proudly, the devoted pastor, Rev. Joseph M. Brokaw, reviewed the long line of little ones, whose bright faces smiled into his as if to thank him for his arduous labor in procuring for them their own parochial school; while their earnest demeanor seemed to promise the success that has each ensuing year crowned his noble efforts and raised Saint Catherine to its present high standard of efficiency.

"By this sign thou shalt conquer" was aptly suggested as the watchword of this little Christian army going forward to the battles of the classroom. So triumphantly have they advanced that now high school studies are included in the curriculum, for which excellent facilities are afforded.

The spirit that characterizes the present "one thousand" gives promise of extended conquests in the field of Catholic education, under their well chosen standard, "In hoc signo vinces."

ST. MATTHEW, FLINT, MICHIGAN

St. Matthew School, Flint, opened in 1914, under the administration of the Rev. Michael J. Comerford. Located in the business portion of the city, with the surrounding vicinity rapidly building up, the school soon found itself the center of the business section and within easy

Annunciation School. Detroit.

Annunciation Convent, Detroit.

Saint Charles Borromeo School, Detroit.

distance of many children hitherto attending public schools. The first enrollment showed 160 pupils.

During succeeding years, a constant increase of students was recorded. At first the school included only "the grades"; but high school studies were soon introduced, in answer to the urgent call for more advanced work, which a physical and chemical laboratory and a valuable library now facilitate. Commercial branches form part of the curriculum. As the school assumed larger proportions, religious and literary societies were organized.

The records show an attendance of nearly 400, a class of eight high school graduates, a fine music class with orchestra and choir. The Sisters, located in a new convent, are looking forward to the completion of the new church and school now under the able supervision of the progressive pastor, the Rev. Francis Wm. McQueen.

ST. CHARLES, NEWPORT, MICHIGAN

Some ten miles north of Monroe, at Newport, on the Dixie Road, with great stretches of country all around, is St. Charles School, which, in September, 1914, was placed in charge of four Sisters from St. Mary's.

Conscious of the many difficulties to be surmounted to secure for his scattered children the benefits of religious training, the Rev. T. Morin, has labored perseveringly and success has crowned his efforts.

The enrollment of 1914, sixty pupils, is now doubled, with a regular attendance and good results. Catechism is taught every Saturday morning to a class of over fifty who live at a great distance. A music department is attached to the school.

ST. JOHN, BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN

The historic curtain first rose on St. John School, Benton Harbor, in September, 1915. The new school was not ready for occupancy until the middle of the month. When its bell called the Catholic youth of Benton Harbor, seventy-six responded and three schoolrooms were opened to accommodate them.

During the first year, the school was well organized, due to the confidence and support of the parents. An orchestra and a school library, together with Sodalities of Children of Mary and St. Aloysius Society, did much toward raising the standard of St. John.

Elocution Classes, Literary Societies, Red Cross Organizations, and Musical Recitals won for the school new victories and preserved in the hearts of pupils and parents the loyalty which, from the first, strongly characterized the people of Benton Harbor.

By January, 1920, the total enrollment had reached two hundred fifty, thirty-six of this number being high school pupils. In June of this year St. John presented to the public six of these as her first graduates. The parish recently celebrated its silver jubilee, and much praise for its many achievements was accorded the pastor, Rev. Denis O. Mulcahy, whose great vigor in carrying out plans won for him an uncommon degree of affection and esteem.

ALL SAINTS, DETROIT

That part of West Detroit, which was until recently known as Delray, forms today a large part of the parish of All Saints. The Catholic School, located on the corner of Fort St. and Springwells, is the fourteenth in the city conducted by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Six classrooms were opened on September 10, 1917, to accommodate the four hundred pupils congregated for admission. Since then the years have gradually demanded more space for the grammar grades, and later for those of the high school, and music department. A valuable library is being provided, while religious societies established from the beginning are now fully organized.

Rev. Henry Sullivan, who has recently erected a pretty, home-like convent near the school, looks forward to the completion of the handsome new church which will form a lasting memorial to the faith and piety of the pastor and people of All Saints' Congregation.

ST. AGNES, DETROIT

St. Agnes Mission was opened in August, 1917, three years after the parish was organized, under the pastorate of the Rev. Chas. E. Henigan. The handsome school, part of which is used as a church, reflects the ardent desire of a generous people to give their children the advantage of an education over which religion and morality stand guard. The structure is of paving brick with handsome white stone trimmings. It is fire-proof and thoroughly modern in equipment.

The course of study embraces the grammar grades and high school work; and its thoroughness, exemplified in all the classes, has won for St. Agnes the confidence and respect of every family in the parish. A music department forms one of the advantages of the school.

Flourishing societies of a religious nature indicate that the zeal which animated the pioneer of the early days has not diminished, and that the cultivation of the intellect is still regarded as secondary to that of heart and soul.

Our Lady of Lourdes School and Convent, River Rouge, Michigan.

Saint Catherine School, Detroit.

ST. JOHN, MONROE, MICHIGAN

Monday, September 10, 1918, was a day of triumph in the Parish of St. John, Monroe, since it marked the opening of its handsome new school.

The people of the congregation have been organized since 1877, their first pastor being the Rt. Rev. Camillus P. Maes, D. D., Bishop of Covington, Ky., who, as "Father Maes," built the first church. What a glorious day for that zealous prelate, whose interest in the people of Monroe continued through all the subsequent years, had he witnessed this long-desired event. The erection of a school was often contemplated by his successors, particularly the Rt. Rev. Edward D. Kelly, D. D., now Bishop of Grand Rapids; but it remained for the Rev. William Hennessy to carry the project into execution, and to the present pastor, Rev. James P. Thornton, to complete the splendid undertaking.

Standing within the shadow of the sacred edifice, this new school, with its mounted cross, proclaims another triumph of the faith, self-sacrifice and undaunted courage of devoted parents, who, that their children might receive an education in which religion and secular knowledge go hand in hand, have not stopped to count the cost.

The architectural beauty of the building attracts the attention of the passers-by; for though only two stories in height, it is well proportioned and presents an air of dignity and solidity.

The school has eight grades with a roll call of two hundred twenty-five pupils.

SACRED HEART, DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

October of 1918 added another to the list of mission schools conducted by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, that of the Sacred Heart, Dearborn; and opened wide an entrance into the hearts of the two hundred twenty-five children hitherto strangers to the influence of a Catholic atmosphere in the schoolroom.

The imposing building with its complete equipment stands as a splendid testimony to the zeal of the Rev. A. X. M. Sharpe and the devotion of his loyal parishioners. It occupies a prominent place on Michigan Avenue, ten miles from the city of Detroit.

The curriculum embraces the usual grammar and high school courses, including a department of music. An ever-swelling number of pupils and the magnificent spirit of the people is an augury of the

continued "Onward and Upward" trend, which under the Cross and the Flag, brings, with secular knowledge, love and loyalty to God and Country.

ST. MARY, REDFORD, MICHIGAN

The new and handsome school and convent of St. Mary, which Redford now proudly claims, speak volumes for the generous co-operation of the people with their energetic pastor, the Rev. John Cook, whose initial efforts in securing the attendance of his children, many of whom live a considerable distance from the school, exceeded his most sanguine expectations.

Two Sisters from the Detroit Convent of St. Agnes conducted classes in the parish hall during the past year. The continued increase in attendance not only widened the circle of their influence but demanded and obtained a more spacious building and a reinforcement of the teaching staff for September, 1920.

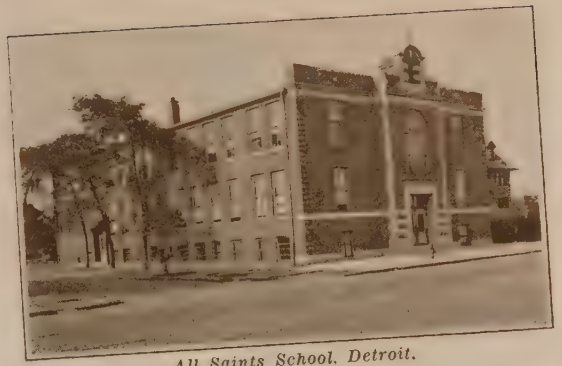
ST. JOSEPH DEXTER, MICHIGAN

The implied wish of our Rt. Rev. Bishop to sustain the faith in country districts, coupled with the persistent solicitations of the Rev. Vincent Griffin, led to the opening of St. Joseph School, Dexter, Mich.

Two Sisters were appointed, who would temporarily reside at St. Thomas Convent, Ann Arbor, and make daily trips to extend the beneficent work of religion and education.

Saint Matthew School, Flint, Michigan.

Saint Matthew Convent, Flint, Michigan.



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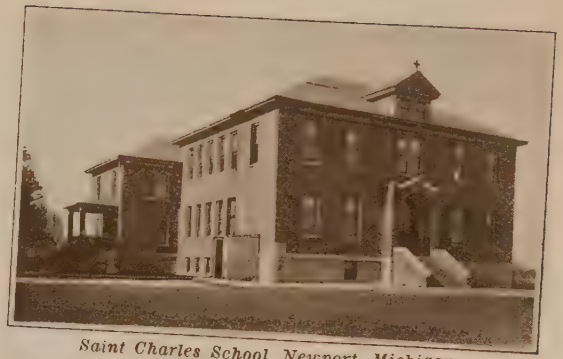

Saint Charles School, Newport, Michigan.

All Saints Convent, Detroit.

Saint John School, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Saint Agnes School, Detroit.

Saint John School, Monroe, Michigan.

Saint Mary School and Convent, Redford, Michigan.

THE HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

As we take a retrospective view of the seventy-five years, we find history and tradition recording various ways in which the zeal and apostolic spirit of saintly founders and pioneer Sisters found expression in efforts to win souls for Christ. Their endeavors were not restricted to their own locality; gladly would they have brought the light of Faith to the little ones in the mystic East, whose touching appeal came to them across the waters. But the vineyard at home was large, and the laborers few; still not unanswered was their prayer, not in vain their desires.

In 1866, the Association of the Holy Childhood was introduced into the Detroit Diocese, and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joos appointed Diocesan Director. This Society was founded in 1843 by Rt. Rev. Bishop Janson of Nancy, France. Its membership consists principally of children; its purpose is to save the poor, neglected, abandoned little ones in pagan lands. It is the only General Foreign Mission Society approved and indulgenced by the Holy See, and is rich in spiritual favors. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV, voicing the sentiments of his predecessors, has not failed to manifest his own strong desire that the Association of the Holy Childhood be established in every school and college of the United States and Canada. He also calls attention to the fact that the Society is not only helpful to the missionaries, in making our dear Lord known to millions of pagan children, but also most useful in the sound moral education of Catholic youth.

Eagerly, then, did our Sisters, fifty-four years ago, take up this work of the "Field Afar," and endeavor to imbue the children with the true missionary spirit, making them Catholic not only in word but also in deed.

Today their influence and potent example inspires new courage and energy in the great cause, while the spirit of one of its most zealous promoters, our dear Mother Gertrude, seems to hover near us as if in benediction, and we doubt not that her prayers in the Home Beyond have given a remarkable impetus to the movement.

In gratitude for the many blessings that affiliation with the Holy Childhood Association has brought to our Congregation, a very active campaign was carried on in our schools during our Diamond Jubilee year, resulting in obtaining close to seven thousand dollars, surpassing

by over two hundred per cent the receipts of the first report in 1867. Who will say that the missionary spirit is not growing?

Now that our Right Rev. Bishop Gallagher has taken the initiative in establishing a Seminary, a new impetus will be given to the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood Association that will rescue countless souls now dwelling in "shadows and the darkness of death," and enroll many an ardent Xavier from the Detroit diocese in the Army of Christ battling in the Orient.

May the celebration of our Centennial, register the long-desired event, namely, that a missionary band of the Sisters, Servants of Mary's Immaculate Heart are co-operating with the priests in bringing the light of Christianity and opening the glorious vistas of eternal salvation to the peoples now groping in the darkness of paganism!

THE OUTLOOK

In this cursory glimpse of our Home and Mission Schools, we see attested the value attached to that Christian training of the young which, surrounding them with the safeguards of Catholic atmosphere and influences, opens out to them the inexhaustible treasury of Catholic doctrine and practice and awakens a keen zest for wider research into its glorious realms of Catholic literature, art, and science.

Though storms arise to devastate the fertile fields of parochial endeavor, yet in the designs of a beneficent Providence, they will, as in the past, but strengthen the zealous desire to perpetuate the sowing of that seed which has produced such abundant fruit.

When we review the ever-recruiting ranks of our student army, which today counts more than twenty-three thousand, how intensely we desire that innumerable souls may become worthy recipients of a religious vocation, that the Lord of the harvest may ever send new and fervent laborers to lengthen up the lines that time constantly depletes, animate them with His spirit and bless their labors that in the end they may receive the promised reward:

"They who instruct others unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity."

APPROVALS OF THE HOLY SEE

To the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the crowning joy of the Diamond Jubilee is the Final Approval of their Constitutions by the Holy See.

A copy of the Constitutions was first taken to Rome by our Reverend Director, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joos, and placed before the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, under the presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Mazella; on the commendation of the Commission a decree of approval was given February 1, 1889, by His Holiness Leo XIII.

In accordance with the ordinary proceedings, application was made for the Second Approval. Rt. Rev. John S. Foley applied to the Sacred Congregation of Religious; and His Holiness, Pope Pius X, issued, November 10, 1913, the "Decree of Praise" of the Institute, and the approbation of the Constitutions for a term of seven years.

The recommendation of the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, seconded by the personal efforts, as in 1913, of the Most Rev. Bonaventure Cerretti, obtained for the Community the favor of having the Constitutions sealed, July 26, 1920, with the Final Approval of the Sovereign Pontiff, Benedict XV.

Saint Mary's College Campus, Monroe, Michigan.

Saint Mary's Convent Park, Monroe, Michigan.

DECREE OF FINAL APPROVAL

"Our Most Holy Lord, Benedict XV, Pope by Divine Providence, in an audience granted on the twenty-sixth of July, 1920, to the Most Reverend Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, after careful deliberation and consideration of the letters of commendation from Bishops of places in which are found houses of the Institute of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose Mother-house is in the city of Monroe, in the diocese of Detroit, and especially having heard the suffrage of the Most Eminent Fathers Cardinals of the aforesaid Congregation, who in a full meeting held on the twenty-third day of this month and year had carefully examined this matter, has deigned to approve and confirm definitely the Constitutions of the aforesaid Institute which are contained in this copy written in the Italian language, the original of which is preserved in the Archives of the Sacred Congregation; so He approves and confirms them by the tenor of the present Decree without infringing on the jurisdiction of the Ordinaries, according to the Sacred Canons.

Given at Rome, from the Secretariate of the Sacred Congregation of Religious, this twenty-sixth day of July, 1920.

FR. ANDREAS CARD. FRÜHWIRTH,
MAURUS SERAFINI, O. S. B.,
Secretary."

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

Nov. 10, 1845 Foundation of the Congregation.

1847 Change of the title "Sisters of Providence" to "Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

1848 Death of the Rev. Francis Poilvache, C. SS. R.

1854 Adoption of the blue habit in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

1855 The Redemptorists leave Monroe.

1857 The Rev. Edward Joos appointed Director of the Community.

1864 Death of Mother Mary Joseph Walker, second General Superior.

1867 Opening of St. Anthony Orphan Asylum for Boys.

1869 Death of the Rt. Rev. P. P. Lefevre, D. D.

1870 Visit of the Rt. Rev. C. H. Borgess, D.D.

1871 Death of Mother M. Alphonsine Smith, third General Superior.

1876 Establishment of St. Mary's Normal School.

1877 Closing of St. Anthony Orphan Asylum.

1881 Visit of the Rt. Rev. J. L. Spalding, D.D.
Visit of the Rt. Rev. J. Ireland, D.D.

1886 Purchase of the "Isle of Patmos."

1887 The Rt. Rev. C. H. Borgess resigns the See of Detroit.
The Rev. Edward Joos, Administrator of Detroit Diocese.

1888 Visit of the Rt. Rev. John S. Foley, D.D.
Establishment of the Guard of Honor of the Sacred Heart.

1889 The Constitutions receive the First Approval of the Holy See.
Investiture of Rev. Father Joos as Domestic Prelate of His Holiness, Leo XIII.

1890 Dedication of the present Chapel.

1891 Visit of His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons.

1892 Death of Mother M. Teresa, the first General Superior.
Death of the Rev. Mary Celestine (Louis Florent Gilet), Founder of the Congregation.

1894 Visit of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Sbaretti.

1895 Golden Jubilee of the Congregation.

1896 Visit of His Grace Archbishop Elder.
Golden Jubilee of Sister Celestine Xavier Renaud.

Park Place, Monroe, Michigan

1897 Death of Sister Celestine Xavier Renaud.
Visit of His Grace Archbishop Elder.

1898 Visit of His Excellency Monsignor Martinelli, Apostolic Delegate.
Golden Jubilee of Right Rev. Monsignor Joos.
Archbishop Ireland honors the occasion, and gives the Commencement Address.
Organization of St. Mary's Alumnae Association.

1899 Visit of Dean Hudson of the University of Michigan.
Affiliation of St. Mary's with the University of Michigan.

1900 Visit of His Grace Archbishop Keane.
Affiliation of St. Mary's with the State Normal College.
Visit of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons.

1901 Death of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Joos.
Visit of His Eminence Cardinal Martinelli.

1902 Dedication of the Rt. Rev. E. Joos Memorial Chapel in St. Joseph Cemetery.

1904 Visit of His Grace Archbishop Riordan.
Purchase of Park Place (The Ives Farm).

1905 Visit of His Grace Archbishop Gauthier.
Opening of St. Mary's College.

1906 Visit of His Grace Archbishop Ryan.

1907 Visit of His Grace, Archbishop Moeller.

1910 Visit of His Excellency Archbishop Falconio, Apostolic Delegate.
Visit of William H. Taft, President of the United States.
Visit of His Grace Archbishop Glennon.
Visit of Rector Major Rev. P. Murray, C. SS. R.
Visit of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons.
Visit of the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Carlo Petreluzzi.

1911 Visit of the Honorable Chase Osborne, Governor of Michigan.

1912 Visit of His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi.
Death of Mother M. Justina Riley, former General Superior.
Visit of His Excellency Archbishop Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate.
Purchase of the Ilgenfritz Farm.

1913 The Constitutions receive the Second Approval of the Holy See.
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Foley reads the "Decree" to the Community.

1914 Visit of the State Board of Education.
Recognition of St. Mary's College Normal Department.
Death of Mother Clotilda Hoskyns, former General Superior.

1916 Death of Mother M. Gertrude Gerretsen, former General Superior.
Organization of the Immaculate Heart Alumnae Federation.

1918 Opening of the Hall of the Divine Child.

1919 Visit of His Eminence Cardinal Mercier.
Purchase of Maryfield (The Ives Farm).

1920 The Constitutions receive the Final Approval of the Holy See.

Nov. 10, 1920 Diamond Jubilee of the Congregation.

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